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**Sent:** Wednesday, September 29, 2021 8:26 AM  
**To:** Kathy Christensen  
**Subject:** RE: Epidemiologist position

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Hello Kathy,

Thank you for reaching out. OHA has approved funding through EISO for an HIV/STD Epidemiologist for Deschutes County (and for your regional work). For the remainder of year 4, we will need an updated budget to have documented in your contract folder. There is no need to do an amendment because you are underspent in your total grant budget (see not to exceed amount in your contract for total awarded through year 4).

Please add the Epi position to your year 5 budget, along with a full-time coordinator, nurse, DIS, and any other staff that you need to complete your EISO work successfully. Deschutes County remains eligible for EISO, so you can expect OHA to fund your EISO program after the 5 year grant is finished.

Please let me know if you need anything else.

Thank you,  
Alicia

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**From:** Kathy Christensen <Kathy.Christensen@deschutes.org>  
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Hi Alicia,

After reviewing the HIV EISO Year 3 Annual Report with the team and planning for future programming we think it would be very beneficial to have a full time STD/HIV epidemiologist working regionally. It is my understanding that OHA will approve a new Epidemiology position through the EISO grant. To present this opportunity to leadership I will need documentation from OHA. Would you please answer the below questions about this position.

OHA approves funding for a new STD/HIV Epidemiologist position?

All that OHA will need is an updated budget for year 4 with the position added? Position will be funded year 5 and should be added to the upcoming proposed budget?

Will the position be funded beyond year 5?

OHA will continue to fund a coordinator position, public health nurse position as well as the new DIS position?

Thank you so much Alicia- we truly appreciate our partnership with OHA and the HIV EISO team!!

Kathy



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