



BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS

AGENDA REQUEST & STAFF REPORT

MEETING DATE: April 24, 2024

SUBJECT: Application for two OHA Reproductive Health Services Grants

RECOMMENDED MOTION:

Move approval to apply for Oregon Health Authority Reproductive Health Services Infrastructure and Modernization Grants.

BACKGROUND AND POLICY IMPLICATIONS:

Deschutes County Health Services (DCHS) seeks approval to submit a grant application to the Oregon Health Authority (OHA) for \$150,000 of funding to support Reproductive Health (RH) services. DCHS would apply for both the infrastructure (\$50,000) and modernization (\$100,000) grants within one combined application.

Infrastructure Grant: The Oregon Health Authority (OHA) has recognized that Oregon's Reproductive Health (RH) Program clinical network needs infrastructure support that is not provided in the fee-for-service structure. Understaffing, increased need, and program requirements make delivering reproductive healthcare challenging. Unfortunately, most of the RH Program's funders require their funding to be spent on direct services. In response, OHA has acquired Title X funding through the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services to bolster clinic infrastructure and ensure access to reproductive health services. Acceptable uses of funds include salaries, training, translation/interpretation services, electronic health record systems, clinic equipment, clinical services such as labs and supplies, and costs associated with maintaining a clinic site.

DCHS is requesting approval to apply for OHA's RH infrastructure grant in the amount of \$50,000. The term of the funding is April 1, 2024, through March 31, 2025. If approved, DCHS intends to use the funding as follows:

- \$13,500 to purchase vaccines and testing supplies,
- \$6,100 for clinical office equipment and software programs
- \$1,500 for interpretation services
- \$2,400 for training
- \$20,000 in reserve to cover the unrecovered costs of labs and visits
- \$6,500 for indirect expenses

Modernization Grant: Oregon Health Authority (OHA) is requesting applications for its Reproductive Health (RH) Clinical Network Modernization Funding. RH Clinics continue to face challenges with funding, understaffing, increased community needs, and meeting program requirements. The purpose of the funding is to help fill the gaps and offset costs associated with providing ongoing, high-quality, culturally responsive reproductive health services to Oregonians. Funding from this grant must be used for the purpose of ensuring access to reproductive health services. Acceptable uses include salaries, training, translation/interpretation services, electronic health record systems, clinic equipment and costs associated with maintaining a clinic site.

DCHS is requesting approval to apply for OHA's RH Modernization grant in the amount of \$100,000. The term for this funding is April 1, 2024, through June 30, 2025. If approved, DCHS intends to use the funding for fiscal year 2025 as follows:

- \$87,000 to support approximately 56% of a current 0.8 FTE Nurse Practitioner
- \$13,000 for indirect expenses

BUDGET IMPACTS:

If approved, \$150,000 in revenue.

ATTENDANCE:

Anne Kilty, Manager, Public Health Program