

AGENDA COVER MEMO

AGENDA DATE: May 21, 2003
TO: Board of County Commissioners
DEPARTMENT: Health & Human Services
PRESENTED BY: Rob Rockstroh



AGENDA TITLE: IN THE MATTER OF AUTHORIZING THE COUNTY ADMINISTRATOR TO SIGN A GRANT APPLICATION TO THE FEDERAL CENTER FOR SUBSTANCE ABUSE PREVENTION (CSAP) FOR UP TO \$350,000 PER YEAR FOR A THREE-YEAR PERIOD TO PREVENT METHAMPHETAMINE USE; AND AUTHORIZING THE COUNTY ADMINISTRATOR TO SIGN FOR ACCEPTANCE OF THE GRANT AND FOR TWO RENEWALS IN THE AMOUNT OF \$350,000 IF AWARDED.

I. MOTION

TO AUTHORIZE THE COUNTY ADMINISTRATOR TO SIGN A GRANT APPLICATION TO THE FEDERAL CENTER FOR SUBSTANCE ABUSE PREVENTION (CSAP) FOR UP TO \$350,000 PER YEAR FOR A THREE-YEAR PERIOD TO PREVENT METHAMPHETAMINE USE; AND AUTHORIZING THE COUNTY ADMINISTRATOR TO SIGN FOR ACCEPTANCE OF THE GRANT AND FOR TWO RENEWALS IN THE AMOUNT OF \$350,000 IF AWARDED.

II. ISSUE OR PROBLEM

Lane County Health & Human Services has a proposal to respond to a request for grant application from the federal Center for Substance Abuse Prevention (CSAP). The proposal requests up to \$350,000 per year for a total of three years. This dollar amount exceeds the county administrator's authority to sign. Therefore, the board must grant authorization for signature of the grant application and if accepted, grant and renewals.

III. DISCUSSION

A. Background

The federal Substance Abuse and Mental Health Services Administration (SAMHSA) identified Oregon as one of the highest-ranking states in the union in the percentages of persons aged 12 or older who engage in illicit drug use (7.5 to 11.35 percent according to the 1999-2000 National Household Survey on Drug Abuse). The same survey identified Oregon as one of the highest-ranking states in the percentages of persons aged 12 or older who have any illicit drug dependence or abuse (2.28 to 2.87 percent). The Lane Interagency Narcotics Enforcement Team (INET) has named methamphetamine as the number one drug-abuse problem in Lane County with 418 total methamphetamine counts in 2002 compared to 234 total for all other drugs combined. The number of youth in Lane County in treatment for methamphetamine has risen steadily from 114 in 1999 to 150 in 2001 (Oregon Office of Mental Health and Addiction Services). Further analysis of the young people who are currently in treatment and have used methamphetamine, has determined that girls, Latino, and Native American youth are more represented among youth meth users, than among adult meth users. Studies indicate many use methamphetamine to bolster low self-esteem, decrease feelings of alienation, lose weight, and feel more energetic.

- The federal grant is targeted to address prevention needs by supporting the targeted capacity expansion of evidence-based and effective prevention interventions tailored for methamphetamine and inhalant use and/or infrastructure development.

In Lane County, three communities have been chosen as sites for grant funded activities. These are Oakridge, Cottage Grove, and the Bethel area in Eugene. The outcomes of the proposed project are:

1. Decrease past month methamphetamine and other substance use by youth 12 and older.
2. Decrease past month methamphetamine and other substance use by adults 18 and older.
3. Increase negative attitudes about methamphetamine and other substance use by youth 12 and older.
4. Increase negative attitudes about methamphetamine and other substance use by adults 18 and older.
5. Increase parenting skills among program participants.
6. Increase involvement of key community sectors in prevention efforts.

Activities to achieve these outcomes include environmental strategies and youth and parenting interventions. Environmental strategies would include information dissemination, community training, and advocacy for nuisance codes related to "meth houses". Interventions targeting youth will include job skills and readiness training, and culturally appropriate mentoring to teach and support youth in successful life strategies. Parent training that is culturally appropriate will be provided for the parents of at-risk youth.

Youth and families will be selected and referred into these programs by the Department of Human Services Self-Sufficiency Program and Child Welfare Program, schools, Parole and Probation, and others. Grant funds will be subcontracted to provide additional support to local prevention efforts, including Community Safety Nets and Family Resource Centers, and for parenting and mentoring activities.

One additional subcontract will be funded to provide for evaluation of the project. A competitive process was completed and RMC Research Corporation was selected to work with county staff on the writing of the grant proposal and to receive the subcontract if the grant proposal is selected for award.

The draft grant application will be available for review in County Administration on Wednesday, May 14, 2003.

Analysis

1. What is the match requirement, if any, and how is that to be covered for the duration of the grant?

There is no match requirement.

2. Will the grant require expenditures for Material and Services or capital not fully paid for by the grant?

There will be no expenditures for Materials and Services that are not paid fully by the grant. There will be no capital expenditures.

3. Will the grant funds be fully expended before county funds need to be spent?

Yes, the project will be supported with grant funds only. No county fund expenditures will be required.

4. How will the administrative work of the grant be covered if the grant funds don't cover it?

Grant funds will cover all administrative costs.

5. Have grant stakeholders been informed of the grant sunset policy so there is no misunderstanding when the funding ends? Describe the plan for service if funding does not continue.

Yes, stakeholders have been informed that the project will terminate if and when grant funding ends.

6. What accounting, auditing and evaluation obligations are imposed by the grant conditions?

The grant requires an evaluation of the project. A competitive bid process has identified a provider for these services. If funded, the provider will be paid from grant funds. Other accounting and auditing obligations are the standard federal requirements of other current and ongoing grants.

7. How will the department cover the accounting, auditing and evaluation obligations? How are the costs for these obligations covered, regardless whether they are in the department submitting the grant or a support service department? Does the department acknowledge that the county will need to cover these costs and it is an appropriate cost incurred by support service department?

Both the county indirect costs and the department costs for these functions have been built into the budget submitted for this grant application.

8. Are there any restrictions against applying the county full cost indirect charge?

No, there are no restrictions and the county full cost indirect charge has been budgeted.

9. Are there unique or unusual conditions that trigger additional county work effort, or liability, i.e., maintenance of effort requirements or supplanting prohibitions or indemnity obligations?

Yes, there is a prohibition on using these grant funds to supplant current funding.

10. Is this a grant funded computer/software applications project?

No.

B. Alternatives / Options

1. To approve the motion and authorize the county administrator to sign the grant application and if accepted, grant and renewals.

2. Not to approve the motion.

C. Recommendation

To accept the motion.

D. Timing

The grant application is due in Washington, D.C. on May 23, 2003. Therefore, the Board must act to allow the application to be processed.

IV. IMPLEMENTATION

Upon approval by the Board the application will be processed for signature, then mailed to Washington, D.C.

V. ATTACHMENTS

Board Order

THE BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS, LANE COUNTY, OREGON

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WHEREAS, the federal Substance Abuse and Mental Health Services Administration Center for Substance Abuse Prevention (CSAP) has released a request for grant applications for targeted capacity expansion of methamphetamine and inhalant prevention interventions and/or infrastructure development; and

WHEREAS, Lane County has a serious methamphetamine abuse problem documented by a national survey, local law enforcement statistics and youth treatment statistics; and

WHEREAS, there are prevention resources in three local communities with high rates of methamphetamine related criminal activity; Cottage Grove, Oakridge, and the Bethel area of Eugene; and

WHEREAS, the grant would provide \$350,000 a year for up to three years, to enhance the prevention resources in those communities; and

WHEREAS, a grant application, including funds to support local administration of the grant, has been developed and must be forwarded to CSAP for review and possible award.

NOW THEREFORE, IT IS HEREBY ORDERED that the Board of County Commissioners authorize the county administrator to sign the CSAP grant application for up to \$350,000, each year, for up to three years, to expand the capacity for evidence-based and effective prevention interventions tailored to methamphetamine and inhalant abuse and/or infrastructure development in Lane County.

AND IT IS FURTHER ORDERED, that the Board of County Commissioners delegate authority to the county administrator to sign the award notice and two renewal notices if awarded.

DATED this _____ day of May 2003.

APPROVED AS TO FORM
date 5/12/03 lane county
[Signature]
OFFICE OF LEGAL COUNSEL

Peter Sorenson, Chair
Lane County Board of Commissioners