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AGENDA COVER MEMO

AGENDA DATE: May 3, 2006
TO: Board of County Commissioners
DEPARTMENT: Health & Human Services
PRESENTED BY: Rob Rockstroh



AGENDA TITLE: ORDER / _____ IN THE MATTER OF APPLYING FOR A FEDERAL SAMHSA GRANT IN THE AMOUNT OF \$350,000 PER YEAR FOR THREE YEARS TO PREVENT METHAMPHETAMINE ABUSE.(DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH & HUMAN SERVICES)

I. MOTION

Order / _____ In the Matter of Applying for a Federal SAMHSA Grant in the Amount of \$350,000 Per Year for Three Years to Prevent Methamphetamine Abuse.

II. ISSUE OR PROBLEM

The federal Substance Abuse and Mental Health Services Administration (SAMHSA), Center for Substance Abuse Prevention is accepting applications for fiscal year 2006 for grants to support expansion of methamphetamine prevention interventions and/or infrastructure development. The Lane County Department of Health & Human Services is seeking approval of the Board of Commissioners for Lane County to apply for these grant funds.

III. DISCUSSION

A. Background/Analysis

The SAMHSA grant opportunity addresses the growing problem of methamphetamine abuse and addiction by assisting localities to expand prevention interventions that are effective and evidence-based and/or to increase capacity through infrastructure development. The goal is to intervene effectively to prevent, reduce or delay the use and/or spread of methamphetamine abuse.

The Lane County Department of Health & Human Services is working with the Lane County Department of Children and Families to develop the proposed project in congruence with the Lane County methamphetamine plan.

The grant application was in early stages of development at the time of the writing of this board order, however the item was placed on the May 3 agenda in order to gain approval prior to the submission deadline. The early discussions determined that the project would include three key components for the proposal.

These three components are:

- 1) **Countywide Public Awareness about Meth:** This component would support the development of a Countywide Meth Task Group that would develop and steer the public awareness effort. The effort would provide information to parents, civic groups, retailers, schools, business owners, youth, landlords and others about the meth problem in Lane County, and about signs and symptoms to watch for and report. Potential tools include the news media, speaker's bureau presentations, community events, public service announcements, employer newsletters, website development, and other collateral materials.
- 2) **Support for and through Family Resource Centers:** This component would work with existing centers in Springfield, Oakridge, and Cottage Grove to enhance their ability to reach and appropriately serve local families at high risk for methamphetamine use. Additionally, the grant would support the cost of implementing Families and Schools Together (FAST) for elementary school age children and their families, an evidence-based practice that is not currently available for this age group. The centers will also be supported to provide other evidence-based parenting programs that are appropriate to the at-risk families in their communities.
- 3) **Community Mobilization:** In addition to the mobilization for the Meth Task Group, the grant would support a community mobilization effort in Springfield, based on an evidence-based approach, and targeted at methamphetamine use in that community.

Subcontracts are anticipated to be executed with the Family Resource Center (FRC) in each community. The FRCs are governmental entities. Therefore, no competitive selection procedures will be required to identify them as service providers.

The grant solicitation includes a requirement for evaluation. The evaluation for this project will be conducted by the Lane Council of Governments (LCOG). LCOG is a governmental entity. Therefore, no competitive selection procedure will be required to identify them as the service provider.

The grant proposal is due by May 16, 2006. At the time that this agenda cover memo was written the grant proposal was not ready for review. However, a copy of the proposal will be made available prior to the board meeting date.

The information required by the Board of County Commissioners prior to approval of grant applications and receipt of grant funds is provided below.

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

The application is for three years on a federal fiscal year beginning October 2006. No match is required.

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

No

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

Yes

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

The grant will cover administrative costs.

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

Yes, stakeholders are aware of the sun setting policy. The grant is for three years. The proposal will build on the existing prevention infrastructure so that when grant funds end, the essential community components will continue. Also, the proposal includes significant community education, which will require development of educational and training materials that can be used long after grant funds have ended.

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

The National Outcomes Measures for substance use prevention must be utilized for evaluation and reporting. No more than 20% of the grant funds must be dedicated to evaluation. Process and outcome evaluation components are required. H&HS will work with LCOG to develop an appropriate evaluation plan.

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 departments?

H&HS will include the negotiated indirect cost rate in the grant application to cover these expenses. The evaluation expenses are included as a separate line item in the budget.

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

No.

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?

No.

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

No.

B. Alternatives/Options

1. To accept the motion, adopt the order and approve the grant application.
2. Not to accept the motion. This will result in the loss of opportunity to mobilize three rural communities and implement proven strategies to combat methamphetamine abuse in Lane County.

C. Recommendation

To approve number one above.

D. Timing

May 16, 2006 – Grant application due
September 29, 2006 – Grant award announced
October 1, 2006 – Grant project begins

IV. IMPLEMENTATION

Upon action by the Board, the grant application will be processed for signature and forwarded to the federal Department of Human Services (CSAP at SAMHSA).

V. ATTACHMENTS

Board Order

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THE BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS, LANE COUNTY, OREGON

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WHEREAS, Lane County has determined that it is suffering in the midst of methamphetamine abuse and addiction; and

WHEREAS, the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services has released a grant opportunity through the Center for Substance Abuse Prevention in the Substance Abuse & Mental Health Services Administration; and

WHEREAS, the grant will support expansion of methamphetamine prevention, intervention, and/or infrastructure development; and

WHEREAS, the Lane County departments of Health & Human Services and Children and Families have worked together to develop a project proposal that will fund prevention efforts in the Lane County communities of Springfield, Cottage Grove, and Oakridge; and

WHEREAS, the project is structured to work through community Family Resource Centers which are governmental entities and a project evaluation is required and will be conducted by Lane Council of Governments, another governmental entity;

NOW THEREFORE IT IS HEREBY RESOLVED AND ORDERED that Lane County shall apply for a federal SAMHSA grant for methamphetamine prevention interventions and infra structure development in the amount of \$350,000 for three years, and

FURTHER ORDERED that the county administrator be delegated authority to execute grant documents in the amount of \$350,000 per year for three years.

DATED this 3rd day of May, 2003.

Bill Dwyer, Chair
Lane County Board Of Commissioners

APPROVED AS TO FORM
Date 4/24/06 lane county
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