Health, Housing & Human Services
CLACKAMAS COUNTY

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Richard Swift
Interim Director

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Board of County Commissioner
Clackamas County
Members of the Board:

Approval to Apply to Oregon Department of Education - Oregon Youth Development Division
Youth and Community Grant to Improve Education and Workforce Success for Youth

Purpose/Outcomes	Children, Youth and Families Division (CYF) of Health, Housing and Human Services is applying for a grant to fund existing efforts in improving education and workforce success for youth who are disconnected from, or are at risk of disconnecting from the education system and labor market. 250 youth per year will be served under this grant.
Dollar Amount and Fiscal Impact	Children, Youth & Families Division would receive up to $500,000 per year for two consecutive years for program services. A portion of the grant funds will support the cost of a CYF staff's salary to oversee grant programming. The remaining funds will be used to fund local prevention projects. There is no match requirement associated with this grant.
Funding Source	The funding source for this grant is the Oregon Department of Education – Oregon Youth Development Division. The grant will flow through the Children, Youth & Families Division.
Safety Impact	N/A.
Duration	Funds must be spent by June 30, 2017.
Previous Board Action	This request has not previously been referred to the Board.
Contact Person	Korene Mather, CYF Youth Development Program Planner (503) 650-5683
Contract No.	N/A

BACKGROUND:

The Children, Youth and Families Division of Health, Housing and Human Services request the approval to apply for a grant with the Oregon Department of Education - Youth Development Division in the amount of $500,000. The $500,000 is an annual amount and would be received for a two year period at $500,000 per year. Services to be provided under this contract include: PreventNet sites at high risk schools to intervene with alcohol/drug, academic failure, and provide afterschool programs including tutorial. Priority youth for this project include youth ages 6-15 who are at risk of disconnecting from the educational system.

RECOMMENDATION:

Staff recommends Board approval for Children, Youth & Families to apply for this funding opportunity and authorizes Richard Swift, H3S Interim Director, to sign on behalf of Clackamas County.

Respectfully submitted,

Richard Swift, Interim Director

Oregon Department of Education

Kate Brown, Governor

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February, 23, 2015

Clackamas Early Learning Hub

Thank you for the time, energy and effort that you put into your Focused Child Care Network Grant application. The Early Learning Division was excited to approve your application for full funding on February 23, 2015.

Earlier this year, the Early Learning Division released a request for applications asking applicants to submit their ideas for identifying licensed family child care programs that serve children within your target population and implementing strategies for improved access to quality child care as measured by the QRIS rating system. Your application describes your methodology to identify licensed family child care programs that serve children within your target population, based on the outcomes for children that you propose to achieve, the way you anticipate staffing the Focused Network, and the efficiency with which you propose to allocate resources.

Please review, sign, and submit the grant agreement that accompanies this letter. Upon receipt of your signed grant agreement, Early Learning Division staff will work with you to enable you to begin receiving funds through the Oregon Department of Education's electronic grant management system (EGMS).

Please contact Lisa DeMoe with the Early Learning Division by phone at 503.947.3123 or by email at lisa.d.demoe@state.or.us with any questions you may have.

We are looking forward to working with you to strengthen Oregon's early learning system and to supporting the development of the children in your community. Congratulations!

Regards,

Megan Irwin

Megan Irwin
Acting Early Learning System Director

Focused Child Care Network Grant Award Agreement

Grant Award: February 1, 2015 - June30, 2015

A Child Care Network is a cohort of child care practitioners who meet frequently to discuss best practices, access and share resources, receive training and encourage progress as they work toward increasing the quality of their programs. The Focused Child Care Networks (Focused Networks) utilize Oregon's Quality Rating and Improvement System as the framework to support quality improvements with an expectation that programs will submit an application and portfolio to receive a star rating.

Clackamas Early Learning Hub will be the organizer of Focused Networks working with partners to outreach to child care programs that serve children who are at-risk and reflect the community's culture and diversity. Clackamas Early Learning Hub will identify and recruit child care programs within identified areas of risk and support them in these Focused Child Care Networks to increase and offer quality learning opportunities for the children in their care. The participating child care programs have access to financial supports and incentives to implement quality standards that are funded at a higher level than other programs receiving support. The Focused Network will work with a Quality Improvement Specialist to implement quality standards including individual coaching for programs to achieve a star rating.

Technical Assistance

Clackamas Early Learning Hub and the Quality Improvement Specialist will have access to support from the QRIS System from Western Oregon University, Portland State University and Early Learning Division staff.

Double Funding for Supports and Incentives

Early Learning Programs participating in a Focused Network will have access to twice the funding to support quality improvement activities to achieve a star rating. This practically means family child care programs that participate in a Focused Network will receive $2000 versus $1000 in financial support to make quality improvements. There is a required review of Quality Improvement Plans in order to access these double funds.

Requirements

The Clackamas Early Learning Hub agrees to use Oregon's Quality Rating and Improvement System for quality improvement efforts and use a Quality Improvement Specialist to staff the Focused Network. The Quality Improvement Specialist (QIS) must:

1. Meet the qualification of a QIS as defined in the QRIS. (please see in Appendix B)
2. Attend required QIS training.
3. Use the data collection tools defined within the QRIS process.
4. Collect additional information needed for a quarterly report.
5. Participate in monthly learning dialogues with QRIS staff and other Focused Network QIS.

Required Signature: _____ Date: _____

Please see approved grant application for additional narrative of grant activities.