

March 31, 2016

Board of Commissioners
Clackamas County

Members of the Board:

Approval to Apply for a Two Year Grant from the Administration for Community Living to Empower Older Adults through Chronic Disease Self-Management Education

Purpose/Outcomes	Increase the number of offerings of Chronic Disease Self- Management Education classes, increase the number of minority and rural participants, and secure new funding streams to support these interventions past the two year timeframe of the grant.
Dollar Amount and Fiscal Impact	The maximum grant award is \$900,000 over two years.
Funding Source	Federal Administration for Community Living
Duration	24 months beginning with grant award, expected in early summer 2016
Previous Board Action	None
Strategic Plan Alignment	1. This funding aligns with the strategic priority to increase self-sufficiency for our clients. 2. This funding aligns with the strategic priority to ensure safe, healthy and secure communities by addressing needs of older adults in the community.
Contact Person	Brenda Durbin, Director, Social Services Division 503-655-8641
Contract No.	n/a

The Social Services Division of the Health, Housing, and Human Services Department requests approval to apply for Federal grant funds from the Administration for Community Living (ACL) that will allow for an expansion of three evidenced based program that help older adults and adults with disabilities better manage their chronic conditions; Living Well with Chronic Conditions, Diabetes Prevention Program, and PEARLS (a program that helps seniors manage their depression).

If awarded, Clackamas County Social Services will be the fiscal agent and play a lead role in developing a four-county regional network that will expand offerings of the identified chronic disease interventions and perform targeted outreach to geographic regions, and specific sub-populations, that don't currently have ready access to these programs. The project will also work closely with one or more Coordinated Care Organizations (CCO) to establish rates and billing methods so that the CCOs will financially support these programs by paying for interventions accessed by their members. The region includes Clackamas, Columbia, Washington and Multnomah Counties.

The programs that have been selected for this project are evidenced based and have shown efficacy in improving health outcomes and lowering healthcare costs. The evidence shows that by empowering participants to better self-manage their chronic conditions emergency room and hospital expenditures are reduced and participants have better health outcomes and a higher quality of life as well as reduced out-of-pocket medical expenses.

RECOMMENDATION:

We recommend the approval to apply for this grant and further recommend the acceptance of the award if funded, and that Richard Swift be authorized to sign all documents necessary to accomplish this action on behalf of the Board of Commissioners.

Respectfully submitted,

Richard Swift, Director
Health, Housing & Human Services