

Priority:	Safety	Lead Agency:	Health Department
Program Offer Type:	Existing Operating	Program Contact:	SPITZER James D
Related Programs:	40064		
Frameworks:			

Executive Summary

Public Health Emergency Preparedness is core to the Health Department's capacity to respond to emergencies with significant health impacts. The program emphasizes the Department's unique governmental public health responsibilities. In contrast, the Regional Health System Emergency Preparedness program focuses on preparing private health care providers to care for victims of large-scale emergencies. The Public Health Emergency Preparedness program addresses the Safety strategy to install and maintain community resources that contribute to citizen safety, specifically preparing for emergencies and ensuring that the role of governmental public health is well understood and exercised.

Program Description

Public Health Emergency Preparedness assures that the County is capable of responding effectively to all emergencies with significant health impacts, and managing a natural or man-made infectious disease event. This program also provides epidemiologic, communicable disease, and environmental health staff capacity to address disease analysis and response.

Public Health Emergency Preparedness works in four key areas: 1) Develops a cadre of Department staff capable of providing critical emergency public health services. This includes competent epidemiology and disease prevention, and working effectively in the new, nationally-required National Incident Management System (NIMS). 2) Develops public health emergency plans, and exercise these plans to assure staff competency. 3) Coordinates the Department's preparedness activities with other County departments and regional governmental partners. 4) Creating protocols to reduce disruptions of the Department's business and assure rapid recovery of services after an emergency.

Program Justification

The Public Health Emergency Preparedness program addresses the Safety strategy to install and maintain community resources that contribute to citizen safety, specifically preparing for emergencies and ensuring that the role of governmental public health is well understood and exercised. The program supports the Communities factor in the Safety Priority. Specifically, the program supports "emergency preparedness on the part of government as well as individual citizens."

Performance Measures

1) Recruit approximately 25 additional staff for the Department's Incident Management Team (IMT) and train these staff in core public health response capabilities and the National Incident Management (NIMS) System. 2) Carry out at least two exercises to test and improve staff capabilities, including at least one command post exercise with a field component.

Summary of last year's program results and this year's expected results

Last year, increased the number of Department staff trained in Incident Command (Incident Management Team - IMT) and carried out a series of bio-terrorism exercises and the flu vaccine shortage response, involving well over 100 staff. Action Plans for 2005-06: 1) Complete core written public health response plans. 2) Expand IMT to approximately 50 members. 3) Conduct or participate in at least two emergency response exercises, working with public and private sector representatives from 3 to 6 regional counties.

Program Mandate: 2 Mandated Program with Funding/Service Level Choice

ORS 431 and ORS 433 delineate emergency responsibilities for the local health department. Program activities are carried out under a contract with Oregon DHS. This contract is based on grants from the Federal Centers for Disease Control: \$521,471 for general public health preparedness, and \$43,721 to support emergency communications and information systems.

Revenue/Expense Detail

	Proposed General Fund	Proposed Other Funds	Proposed General Fund	Proposed Other Funds
	2005	2005	2006	2006
Program Expenses				
Personnel	\$0	\$415,411	\$0	\$384,514
Contracts	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$4,000
Materials & Supplies	\$0	\$24,800	\$0	\$55,371
Internal Services	\$0	\$81,260	\$0	\$121,307
Capital Outlay	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
Subtotal: Direct Exps:	\$0	\$521,471	\$0	\$565,192
Administration	\$0	\$0	\$9,323	\$0
Program Support	\$0	\$0	\$126,344	\$114,404
Subtotal: Other Exps:	\$0	\$0	\$135,667	\$114,404
Total GF/non-GF:	\$0	\$521,471	\$135,667	\$679,596
Program Total:	\$521,471		\$815,263	
Program FTE	0.00	0.00	0.00	3.93
Program Revenues				
Indirect for dep't Admin	\$41,480	\$0	\$29,983	\$0
Intergovernmental	\$0	\$521,471	\$0	\$565,192
Program Revenue for Admin	\$0	\$0	\$26,288	\$114,404
Total Revenue:	\$41,480	\$521,471	\$56,271	\$679,596

Explanation of Revenues

Federal grants from the U. S.: ~\$521,471 for general increase in preparedness and public health capacity and ~\$43,721 for equipment and services to support the Health Alert Network and emergency communications.

Significant Program Changes

Funding for this program is contingent on a successful state grant application to CDC for the upcoming federal fiscal year.

The percentage of Support to this program is higher than the Department average for Support, because the Health Officer spends a considerable portion of time on this project. Also, exercises and larger scale public health responses (e.g. flu vaccine shortage) require a logistics and finance chief, which increases the typical level of support Business Services would provide to a program of this size.