

Priority:	Safety	Lead Agency:	Health Department
Program Offer Type:	Existing Operating	Program Contact:	OXMAN Gary L
Related Programs:	40025		

Frameworks:

Executive Summary

Regional Health System Emergency Preparedness is a 6-county planning partnership that focuses on preparing private health care providers to care for victims of large-scale emergencies. In contrast, the Public Health Emergency Preparedness program focuses on preparing the Health Department to carry out its unique governmental responsibilities in emergencies. The Regional Health System Emergency Preparedness program directly supports the Communities factor in the Safety Priority.

Program Description

The Regional Health System Emergency Preparedness program coordinates health care emergency preparedness in NW Oregon (Multnomah, Clackamas, Washington, Columbia, Tillamook and Clatsop counties). The program develops a coordinated public/ health care system response to bioterrorism and other major public health emergencies. It is creating regional plans to 1) temporarily increase the number of patients that hospitals can care for; 2) serve large numbers of "worried well" and "walking wounded;" and 3) improve health providers' ability to communicate with each other in an emergency. These plans will guide distribution of \$4-8M in Federal Health Resources and Services Administration (HRSA) funds to hospitals and other providers through 2007. The program also operates the Health Reserve Corps (HRC) as a source of additional health care personnel to respond to emergencies. The HRC 1) identifies volunteer health care providers prior to an emergency, 2) verifies volunteers' licenses and qualifications, 3) provides training and emergency response exercise experience for volunteer providers.

Program Justification

The Regional Health System Emergency Preparedness program directly 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

Program goals: 1) Create a coordinated public/private health response that assures community members' access to appropriate care during emergencies. Specifically, develop and exercise regional plans to care for a sudden increase of 1,000 patients requiring emergency hospital care. 2) Develop the capacity to mobilize at least 200 trained and credentialed volunteer health care providers to assist with the response.

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

Last year: 1) Recruited 123 volunteer licensed healthcare providers; 2) Trained and exercised volunteers for roles in a mass immunization/medication clinic. This year: 1) Recruit and train 77 additional volunteers by September 2005; 2) Complete first cycle of regional planning to increase emergency capacity of hospitals and clinics, and improve emergency communications among health care providers.

Program Mandate: 3 Program Choice but No Funding/Service Level Choice

IGA with the Oregon DHS/Health Services for general health system preparedness. The County will receive \$200K for this activity in 2005-06. Contractual agreement with the US Office of the Surgeon General for Health Reserve Corps.

Revenue/Expense Detail

	Proposed General Fund	Proposed Other Funds	Proposed General Fund	Proposed Other Funds
	2005	2005	2006	2006
Program Expenses				
Personnel	\$0	\$61,341	\$0	\$216,381
Contracts	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
Materials & Supplies	\$0	\$32,255	\$0	\$6,778
Internal Services	\$0	\$13,654	\$0	\$60,597
Capital Outlay	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
Subtotal: Direct Exps:	\$0	\$107,250	\$0	\$283,756
Administration	\$0	\$0	\$4,681	\$0
Program Support	\$0	\$0	\$116,990	\$0
Subtotal: Other Exps:	\$0	\$0	\$121,671	\$0
Total GF/non-GF:	\$0	\$107,250	\$121,671	\$283,756
Program Total:	\$107,250		\$405,427	
Program FTE	0.00	0.00	0.00	3.05
Program Revenues				
Indirect for dep't Admin	\$8,868	\$0	\$15,115	\$0
Intergovernmental	\$0	\$107,250	\$0	\$283,756
Program Revenue for Admin	\$0	\$0	\$158,524	\$0
Total Revenue:	\$8,868	\$107,250	\$173,639	\$283,756

Explanation of Revenues

Program activities are fully funded by a Federal HRSA grant via Oregon DHS/Health Services, and directly from the US Office of the Surgeon General.

Significant Program Changes

Federal funding for the HRC part of the program ends in September 2005; other funding sources might be identified. This program has significantly higher support costs for its size, because while it is a small program, it uses a significant amount of the Health Officers time.