

Priority: Safety
Program Offer Type: Existing Operating
Related Programs:
Program Characteristics:

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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 provides staffing to convene stakeholders and facilitate and monitor development of a coordinated health care system response to major public health emergencies. The program creates regional plans to 1) temporarily increase the number of patients that hospitals and other health care providers (private doctors' offices, community clinics, behavioral health providers) can care for ("surge capacity"); 2) develops systems for communicating with culturally specific populations; and 3) improves health care providers' ability to communicate with each other in an emergency. These plans guide distribution of \$6.5-8M in Federal Health Resources and Services Administration (HRSA) funds to hospitals and other providers during 2002-07. The program oversees 52 contracts with hospitals and community/professional organizations to develop regional health care response plans, train providers and affiliated staff on the plans, and conduct exercises to test the plans.

Program Justification

The Regional Health System Emergency Preparedness program directly supports the Communities factor in the Safety Priority. Specifically, the program supports the strategy to "Prepare, prevent, and respond to emergencies."

Performance Measures

Measure Type	Primary Measure	Previous Year Actual (FY04-05)	Current Year Purchased (FY05-06)	Current Year Estimate (FY05-06)	Next Year Offer (FY06-07)
Output	Percentage hospitals in NW OR with contract to improve emergency preparedness	0%	100%	100%	100%
Outcome	Percentage of contracted hospitals in NW OR with executable surge plans	0%	100%	100%	100%
Quality	Key stakeholders expressing satisfaction with program management activities*	0%	90%	90%	90%
Output	Number of community/prof. organizations under contract to improve emerg. prep.	0	8	10	10

Performance Measure - Description

Our goal is to assure that all hospitals, and the majority of physicians practicing in clinics have well-developed executable surge plans by August 2006 - i.e., written plans, and evidence that staff have been trained on and have exercised the plan. Because we will have achieved this by August 2006, and funding for this program may end in August 2007, we do not have further projections at this time for '07-'08.

*Meeting facilitation, oversight of response plan development, contract support.

Legal/Contractual Obligation

IGA with Oregon DHS/Health Services for general health system preparedness.

Revenue/Expense Detail

	Proposed General Fund	Proposed Other Funds	Proposed General Fund	Proposed Other Funds
Program Expenses	2006	2006	2007	2007
Personnel	\$0	\$216,381	\$0	\$305,537
Materials & Supplies	\$0	\$6,778	\$0	\$14,057
Internal Services	\$0	\$60,597	\$0	\$50,478
Subtotal: Direct Exps:	\$0	\$283,756	\$0	\$370,072
Administration	\$0	\$0	\$5,912	\$0
Program Support	\$0	\$0	\$123,000	\$0
Subtotal: Other Exps:	\$0	\$0	\$128,912	\$0
Total GF/non-GF:	\$0	\$283,756	\$128,912	\$370,072
Program Total:	\$283,756		\$498,984	
Program FTE	0.00	0.00	0.00	3.40
Program Revenues				
Indirect for dep't Admin	\$15,115	\$0	\$17,375	\$0
Intergovernmental	\$0	\$283,756	\$0	\$370,072
Program Revenue for Admin	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
Total Revenue:	\$15,115	\$283,756	\$17,375	\$370,072

Explanation of Revenues

Program activities are fully funded by a Federal HRSA grant via Oregon DHS/Health Services.

Significant Program Changes

Last year this program was: #40064, Regional Health System Emergency Preparedness

Last year's program offer included the Health Reserve Corps (HRC), a program to enlist health care personnel as volunteers to respond to emergencies. Due to expiration of grant funding, the HRC has been discontinued as a program. Selected functions to maintain volunteer provider capacity will continue under the HPO and other regional efforts.