

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

Lead Agency: Health Department
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Program Characteristics:

Executive Summary

Preparing for and responding to emergencies with widespread or severe health impacts requires multi-agency, multi-jurisdictional, public/private sector collaboration. The Health Department utilizes two programs to achieve this. Public Health Preparedness assures the Health Department has demonstrated capacities to carry out the County's unique governmental public health responsibilities in an emergency. Regional Health System Emergency Preparedness assures that hospitals and other private health care providers in the 6-county NW Oregon region have a proven capacity to care for victims of large-scale emergencies. Both programs utilize the National Incident Management System (NIMS) framework, and both are coordinated with the County's Office of Emergency Management and the new Community Emergency Preparedness offer.

Program Description

An effective response to emergencies with significant health impacts (e.g., natural disasters, severe epidemics, terrorist attacks) requires coordinated action by governmental public health and the private health care delivery system. This offer assures effective preparedness in the public and private health sectors. Public Health Preparedness assures the Health Department can meet core governmental public health responsibilities in an emergency. Key activities include: 1) creating rapidly expandable epidemiology capacity to analyze an emergency's health impacts; 2) training and exercising an expert Incident Management Team to lead the Department's response; 3) developing Public Health emergency plans and protocols linked to the County's Emergency Response Plan; and 4) conducting exercises to test and refine plans and capacities. Regional Health System Preparedness facilitates health care delivery system preparedness in Multnomah, Clackamas, Washington, Columbia, Tillamook and Clatsop counties. It assures a broad range of providers (e.g., hospitals, physicians/clinics, behavioral health practitioners) are prepared to respond in an effective and coordinated manner. Key activities include: 1) ensuring that hospitals and other providers have developed and exercised institutional/clinical plans to increase the number of patients they can serve; 2) creating regional plans to ensure a coordinated public/private response; 3) developing regional capacities to address critical support needs (e.g., effective communication among providers, and training responders "just in time"); and 4) developing regional capacities to manage specific health impacts (e.g., mass trauma, burns, and chemical exposure).

Program Justification

This offer supports the Safety Team's strategy: "to prepare, prevent, and respond to emergencies." The programs utilize coordination and collaboration to develop effective governmental and private sector health response capacities in the County and throughout the region.

Performance Measures

Measure Type	Primary Measure	Previous Year Actual (FY05-06)	Current Year Purchased (FY06-07)	Current Year Estimate (FY06-07)	Next Year Offer (FY07-08)
Output	Number of IMT members trained, maintained & annually exercised	65	77	75	90
Outcome	Stakeholder orgs. express progam has improved ability to respond to hlth emerg.	0.0%	0.0%	80.0%	90.0%
Quality	Stakeholder orgs. satisfied w/prog. activities based on Likert scale.	90.0%	90.0%	90.0%	95.0%

Performance Measure - Description

 **Measure Changed**

Public Health Preparedness: Number of staff receiving NIMS-approved training, and participating in evaluated emergency response exercises. Regional Health System Preparedness: Key stakeholders' and organizations' perceived progress on program goals, and satisfaction with program activities/services.

Legal/Contractual Obligation

ORS 431 and 433 empower the County and Health Department to supervise matters related to preserving the life and health of the people of the County. An IGA with Oregon DHS (Public Health Division) provides funding from the CDC and guidance for Public Health preparedness activities. A separate IGA with DHS provides funding from the Health Resources and Services Administration (HRSA), and guides regional health system preparedness goals and activities. Both sources of Federal funds are dedicated to emergency preparedness, and cannot supplant other funding or be used to build general capacities.

Revenue/Expense Detail

	Proposed General Fund	Proposed Other Funds	Proposed General Fund	Proposed Other Funds
	2007	2007	2008	2008
Program Expenses				
Personnel	\$0	\$410,790	\$0	\$756,509
Contracts	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$9,993
Materials & Supplies	\$0	\$92,832	\$0	\$73,617
Internal Services	\$0	\$78,706	\$0	\$148,720
Subtotal: Direct Exps:	\$0	\$582,328	\$0	\$988,839
Administration	\$11,771	\$0	\$13,918	\$0
Program Support	\$161,400	\$70,407	\$251,471	\$94,219
Subtotal: Other Exps:	\$173,171	\$70,407	\$265,389	\$94,219
Total GF/non-GF:	\$173,171	\$652,735	\$265,389	\$1,083,058
Program Total:	\$825,906		\$1,348,447	
Program FTE	0.00	4.18	0.00	7.30
Program Revenues				
Indirect for dep't Admin	\$27,637	\$0	\$57,788	\$0
Intergovernmental	\$0	\$582,328	\$0	\$988,839
Program Revenue for Admin	\$35,000	\$70,407	\$0	\$94,219
Total Revenue:	\$62,637	\$652,735	\$57,788	\$1,083,058

Explanation of Revenues

Public Health Emergency Preparedness is supported by Federal Centers for Disease Control (CDC) funds received via the Oregon Department of Human Services (DHS), Public Health Division.

Regional Health System Emergency Preparedness is funded by the Federal Health Resources and Services Administration (HRSA) via the Oregon DHS/Public Health Division and the Oregon Association of Hospitals and Health Systems.

Significant Program Changes

Last year this program was:

Last year this was program offer 40023A

The 25% revenue increase (other funds) for FY08 is due to additional funds from (Health Preparedness Org) that were part of program offer 40045 in fiscal Year 2007.

Some personnel which were part of program offer 40023A last year have been linked with new program offer 40044, but personnel from program offer 40045 in FY07 have been linked to this program offer.