

CLARK COUNTY STAFF REPORT

DEPARTMENT: Clark County Public Health (CCPH)

CCPH SR2017-317

DATE: April 13, 2017

REQUESTED ACTION:

Board of County Councilor's approval to apply for Home Visiting Services Account (HVSA) grant funds through Department of Early Learning, and authorization for the Public Health Director to sign any resulting contracts or amendments. These grant funds support Nurse-Family Partnership services provided to clients in Clark and Cowlitz Counties. Expected remuneration is \$426,103 per year, effective July 1, 2017.

Consent Hearing County Manager

BACKGROUND

Clark County Public Health Department's Nurse Family Partnership program relies on the Home Visiting Services Account (HVSA) to fund much of its operations. These grant funds have historically been received from Washington State Department of Early Learning (DEL) via THRIVE Washington. Beginning July 1, 2017, these grant funds will be received directly from DEL.

The HVSA was established by the Washington state legislature in 2010. Since its inception, the account has grown from serving 120 children through four grantees to serving 2,000 children through 36 grantees state-wide.

This grant will fund 2.0 existing Public Health Nurses who provide services in Cowlitz County and 0.36 FTE of the NFP nurses providing services in Clark County. Without this grant funding, services in Cowlitz County would cease, leaving 50 eligible clients (first time pregnant, low-income women/teens, and children up to age two), without current or future NFP services. NFP services for twelve Clark County families are dependent on this funding.

The Nurse-Family Partnership (NFP) program is an evidence-based, nurse home-visiting program serving low-income, first-time, high-risk mothers from early pregnancy through their child's second birthday.

The goals of NFP are to:

- Improve pregnancy outcomes by helping women engage in good preventive health practices that include ensuring thorough prenatal care from their healthcare providers, improving their diets, and reducing their use of cigarettes, alcohol and other substances
- Improve child health and development by helping parents provide responsible and competent care
- Help parents develop a vision for their future, continue their education, find work, and become economically self-sufficient

NFP delivers multi-generational outcomes that prevent substance abuse, address and prevent mental health issues in the mother and child and reduce the costs of long-term social service programs.

Research by the RAND Corporation estimates NFP returns up to \$5.70 for each \$1 spent on the program.

COUNCIL POLICY IMPLICATIONS

N/A

ADMINISTRATIVE POLICY IMPLICATIONS

N/A

COMMUNITY OUTREACH

N/A

BUDGET IMPLICATIONS

YES	NO	
X		Action falls within existing budget capacity.
		Action falls within existing budget capacity but requires a change of purpose within existing appropriation
		Additional budget capacity is necessary and will be requested at the next supplemental. If YES, please complete the budget impact statement. If YES, this action will be referred to the county council with a recommendation from the county manager.

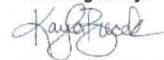
BUDGET DETAILS

Local Fund Dollar Amount	0
Grant Fund Dollar Amount	852,206
Account	1025, Public Health
Company Name	Department of Early Learning

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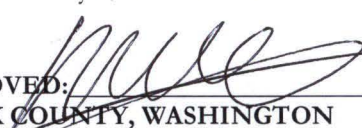
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APPROVED: 
 CLARK COUNTY, WASHINGTON
 BOARD OF COUNTY COUNCILORS

DATE: April 25, 2017

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