

Budget Information for the Primary Care Grants Program

Background Information

1. At the present time, primary care grants are limited to a maximum of \$50,000. There are a number of reasons for this policy.
2. Applicants to the primary care grants program have several requirements, including:
 - a. must be serving a medically underserved population;
 - b. may only provide grant-related services to citizens or legal residents;
 - c. must be a not-for-profit or non-profit organization (includes local health departments);
 - d. must be requesting funding for one or more primary care services that are justified based upon the needs of the community;
 - e. must agree to provide services for the full grant period (12 months);
 - f. this grant funding cannot be used to supplant other funding sources, including billing third party payers when applicable (i.e., Medicaid, CHIP, Medicare, private insurance); and,
 - g. must provide detailed and measurable objectives for the program.
3. All grant applications are reviewed, scored and ranked by a committee.
4. Final determination on grant awards is made by the Executive Director of the UDOH.
5. Currently, we have 26 grantees (19 rural, 7 urban).
6. Currently, our average award to these existing grantees is slightly less than \$30,000.

Major Policy Issue for utilizing expanded funding (Note: in all scenarios, grantees will need to be notified that these are one-time monies for FY '15 and there is no guarantee of increased support at this time for future years)

Option One: If all these grantees wished to expand their programs to serve more clients and requested the maximum of \$50,000, it would require \$520,000 to make that possible. So, the policy could be that we continue to fund existing grantees only (to support continuity of care) and allow them to compete for the additional \$200,000. The committee, through their scoring and ranking process, would recommend which grantees would be given a larger budget.

Option Two: We continue our policy of not allowing current grantees to request a higher funding level, and use the additional \$200,000 to fund at least 4 new projects, assuming that they requested, and were approved for the maximum amount. Of course, more projects might be funded depending on the amounts approved.

Option Three: The new monies are divided in some fashion (1.5:1, 2:1, 3:1) with the smaller amount allocated for existing grantees and the larger amount allocated for new grantees. The award process would follow the descriptions noted above.

(Note: none of these, limited funds, would be requested for administrative support. I believe that we can continue to cover that with our federal support. Unfortunately, our limited support has never allowed us to do any on-site monitoring of these awards to verify grant compliance, so oversight is through paper trails, only.)