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Program Offer Type: Operating **Program Offer Stage:** Adopted
Related Programs: 40010B
Program Characteristics: New Request, Backfill State/Federal/Grant, One-Time-Only Request

Executive Summary

Communicable Disease (CD) is a foundational public health program that protects the health of the community by fulfilling State of Oregon infectious disease statutes for disease tracking and investigation, disease intervention and control, and response evaluation. CD Clinical and Community Services provides sexual health services and community testing/prevention outreach to prevent STD and HIV transmission.

Program Description

CD Clinical and Community Services limits the spread of sexually transmitted infections (STIs) by treating existing and preventing new cases, especially among the most-impacted communities. Program activities include: STD Clinical Services - Low barrier, timely medical evaluation, treatment, and prevention counseling in a judgment-free, culturally relevant manner. Staff provide HIV prevention medication (PrEP) to at-risk individuals. The STD clinic is a designated training site for medical providers and provides consultations and continuing medical education. Partner Services - Staff contact the sex/needle-sharing partners of persons with confirmed STD/HIV/hepatitis C infections, link them to testing and treatment, and counsel for behavior change. Partnerships – Subcontracted community partners support the program in providing field based testing, health promotion, and condom distribution. Outreach & Epidemiology - Case investigation identifies population-level patterns of STD/HIV infection to guide testing and prevention outreach and inform health care and other systems to appropriately target resources. The program's epidemiology work informs interventions in response to the syndemic (e.g., simultaneous, related epidemics of multiple diseases) of new and rising HIV, syphilis, hepatitis C, and shigella cases.

A significant reduction in state funding of approximately \$3.5 million over the past two years has led to budget cuts. The main program offer for clinical services is PO 40010B. This additional program offer seeks to restore staffing and clinical services to the community. Services that would be restored could include: 1. PrEP navigation, including re-establishing injectable PrEP as an option for unstably housed patients; 2. Increased STI Express Visits to allow for easier community access to HIV/STI screening and treatment; 3. Return to best practice recommendations for on site lab services, which are essential to a well-functioning public health clinic; 4. Potential front desk support to accommodate increased demand for services.

Performance Measures

Measure Type	Performance Measure	FY23 Actual	FY24 Budgeted	FY24 Estimate	FY25 Target
Output	Number of clinical visits to screen asymptomatic clients (STD, HIV.)	N/A	N/A	N/A	1,000
Outcome	Percent increase of all County gonorrhea/syphilis/HIV cases diagnosed through this program offer	N/A	N/A	N/A	2%
Output	Number of additional patients initiated on HIV prevention medication (PrEP)	N/A	N/A	N/A	25

Performance Measures Descriptions

1: Additional STD and outreach testing funded through this program offer. 2: LPHA Agreement requires reporting on communicable diseases. The measure shows the impact and efficiency to find, diagnose, and treat a significant portion of reportable STDs relative to the entire health care system. 3: Additional clients started on injectable and non-injectable PrEP as a result of restored/additional staffing on top of the output in PO 40010B.

Legal / Contractual Obligation

ORS 433 mandates disease prevention & control. Oregon State DHS HIV Prevention, HIV Early Intervention Services and Outreach, and STD contractual program elements.

Revenue/Expense Detail

	Adopted General Fund	Adopted Other Funds	Adopted General Fund	Adopted Other Funds
Program Expenses	2024	2024	2025	2025
Personnel	\$0	\$0	\$314,983	\$0
Materials & Supplies	\$0	\$0	\$35,017	\$0
Total GF/non-GF	\$0	\$0	\$350,000	\$0
Program Total:	\$0		\$350,000	
Program FTE	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00

Program Revenues				
Total Revenue	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0

Explanation of Revenues

Significant Program Changes

Last Year this program was:

This program offer is an amendment to PO 40010B and seeks to restore positions cut since FY 2022 because of reductions in state revenue.