

January 4, 2021

Board of County Commissioners  
Clackamas County

Members of the Board:

Approval for the Behavioral Health Division to apply for the FY 2021 Mental Health Awareness Training grant

<b>Purpose/Outcomes</b>	This grant will allow the Clackamas County Behavioral Health Division (CCBHD) to better support the need for increased mental health awareness among individuals who interact and come into contact with persons who may be experiencing or exhibiting symptoms of a mental disorder.
<b>Dollar Amount and Fiscal Impact</b>	Maximum grant award \$125,000. No County General Funds are involved. No matching funds required.
<b>Funding Source</b>	Substance Abuse and Mental Health Services Administration
<b>Duration</b>	5 years
<b>Previous Board Action</b>	None
<b>Contact Person</b>	Mary Rumbaugh, Behavioral Health Division Director 503.742.5305
<b>Contract No.</b>	N/A

**Background:**

The Behavioral Health Division of the Health, Housing & Human Services Department, requests the approval to apply for the FY 2021 Mental Health Awareness Training grant opportunity. The Behavioral Health Division currently provides mental health awareness training to the community and this funding would extend the reach of these existing efforts.

**Project:**

If awarded, funds will support, (1) implementation of mental health awareness training, (2) identification of the intended individuals to receive this training and the population of focus for whom they are being trained to recognize signs and symptoms of mental illness and how to respond, (3) establishing referral mechanisms that increase the ability of individuals trained to refer those in need to appropriate resources, (4) developing a mental health awareness training plan and, (5) working in collaboration with other community agencies to assist with coordination of services. A requirement of the grant is that a timeline be developed for the 5-year grant cycle showing project period dates, key activities and responsible staff. This timeline will ensure that all grant objectives are met.

**Recommendation:**

Staff recommends the Board approve CCBHD's request to apply for the FY 2021 Mental Health Awareness Training grant.

Respectfully submitted,

Richard Swift, Director  
Health, Housing and Human Services