



Conference of Local Health Officials

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Dear Karen:

On behalf of the Oregon Conference of Local Health Officials (CLHO), I am writing in support of the Oregon Health Authority Public Health Division, Health Promotion and Chronic Disease Prevention section's application for the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) Cancer Prevention and Control Programs for State, Territorial and Tribal Organizations.

The Comprehensive Cancer Control and Cancer Registry program supports state and local capacity for cancer prevention, risk reduction, early detection and survivorship interventions throughout the state. State and local data on cancer prevalence, incidence and mortality are integral to identifying health inequities, defining priority populations and tracking progress in reducing the cancer burden among Oregonians.

CLHO supports the Oregon Public Health Division's focus on policy, systems and environments that support cancer prevention, early detection and survivorship. This grant will be focused on policy, system and environmental interventions that work to reduce the burden of cancer throughout the state and address health inequities among racial and ethnic, geographic and cultural communities.

Local health departments in communities throughout Oregon are already hard at work with partners to support tobacco prevention and obesity prevention - the two leading modifiable risk factors for cancer. An exciting new prevention integration effort will expand this work to include alcohol misuse communication and policy strategies into cancer and chronic disease prevention. This work will incorporate lessons learned from Oregon's tobacco prevention communication strategies and address the third leading cause of death and disability among Oregonians - alcohol misuse.

Through the focused cancer policy agenda for tobacco control, obesity prevention and alcohol misuse prevention defined in the Health Promotion and Chronic Disease Prevention Strategic plan and supported by this grant, State and Local authorities can continue to make headway on reducing cancer morbidity, mortality, and cancer disparities for all Oregonians.

We enthusiastically support this application, and thank you for considering the Oregon Health Authority Public Health Division application for Comprehensive Cancer and Cancer Registry program funds supported by the federal grant from CDC.

Sincerely,

Charlie Fautin RN, MPH
Chair, Conference of Local Health Officials