

PE 44 Proposed Changes 2025-27

School-Linked Programs

Overview of School-Linked Projects

- In Spring 2021, the Oregon legislature passed House Bill 2591 that called for the development of two programs:
 - School-Linked Telehealth Pilot Program - to expand access to mental and physical health care by delivering care from SBHCs via telehealth to students at schools without SBHCs
 - School-Linked Mobile Unit Pilot Program - to deliver health care services to students in schools via a mobile unit
- PE 44 covers SBHCs, so the School-Linked Telehealth Pilot Program was included in PE 44 as grantees needed to be state-certified SBHCs

Current School-Linked Project Grantees

- School-Linked Telehealth Pilot Program – Current funding for 23-25 biennium is \$150,000 per year for three grantees:
 - La Clinica (Jackson County) – grant agreement
 - Multnomah County – funding via PE 44
 - Orchid Health (Clackamas County) – grant agreement
- School-Linked Mobile Unit Pilot Program – Current funding for 23-25 biennium is \$60,000 per year for three grantees:
 - Hillsboro School District
 - One Community Health (initial contract with Columbia Gorge ESD)
 - Wallace Medical (initial contract with Gresham-Barlow School District)

Proposed Changes based on Learnings

- Created operating criteria for both grant programs
- Created a funding formula for School-Linked Telehealth Grantees based on the number of operational sites
 - \$30,000 for the first two sites, and \$15,000 for up to an additional four sites (potential total grant award would be \$120,000 per year)
 - With additional monies, open a grant application process Summer/Fall 2025 for School-Linked Projects (both telehealth and mobile as options)
- ➡ • Modified language of PE 44 for School-Linked Telehealth Grant to include operating criteria and match the grant agreement language
- ➡ • Added language School-Linked Mobile Grant to PE 44

Proposed Changes: Next Steps

- If approved by CLHO:
 - Will amend PE 44 in August; those receiving monies via PE 44 will have retroactive application of funding change to July 1
 - Will open grant application process Summer/Fall 2025 for applications for School-Linked Grants (both mobile and telehealth will be options); aim to initiate new contracts Jan 1, 2026

Questions?

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