

Agenda Item Number 3. C.

Modifications to the Current Year OPI Plan and Budget (a portion of the 2003-04 Area Plan on Aging and Disability Services)

Presenter: Ted Stevens

Actions Recommended: Approve Recommended Modifications

Issue Summary:

- < LCOG Senior & Disabled Services (S&DS) limited the expenditure of Oregon Project Independence (OPI) funds this year in anticipation of the voters' rejection of Ballot Measure 30. At the current rate of spending, it is estimated the S&DS will spend slightly more than \$200,000 through June 30, 2004.
- < However, even with the failure of Measure 30, it now appears that the agency's 2003-05 OPI award will not be reduced. As a result, it appears that the agency will have \$717,020 to spend on OPI services through June 30, 2005.
- < At the February Senior Services Advisory Council meeting, contingent upon notice from the Oregon Department of Human Services to accelerate OPI spending, staff asked the Council for approval to add \$49,895 in OPI funds to this year's budget (bringing the total OPI appropriation for the year to \$250,000), to immediately open intakes for new OPI clients, and to expand services to meet their needs. Regarding the appropriation of these funds, staff sought authority to expend them in the following manner: 70% for direct services (Home Care and Personal Care); 20% for Case Management, including eligibility determination, care planning, and care coordination; and 10% for Administration.
- < The Advisory Council, based on input from its Planning and Budget Committee, approved a slightly different contingent recommendation for presentation to the LCOG Board, as follows: 1) add \$49,895 in OPI funds to this year's budget; 2) allocate these funds in the percentages recommended by staff (see above); 3) open intakes to new OPI clients assessed at Levels 1-14; and 4) instruct staff to explore the financial feasibility of expanding the agency's criteria for OPI eligibility to include people assessed at Levels 15-17 on the State's long term care assessment scale.

Requested Action:

Contingent upon notice from DHS to accelerate OPI spending, that the Board approve the plan recommended by the Senior Services Advisory Council for modifying LCOG's 2003-04 Area Plan Budget and Plan for the delivery of OPI services to eligible individuals (as reflected in the last bullet on the prior page), including conducting a study to determine whether it is feasibility for LCOG to expand its eligibility criteria for OPI services to include people 60+ years of age who are assessed at Levels 15-17.

Recommended Revisions to the 2003-04 OPI Budget

Program	Current OPI Budget	Recom. Changes	Recom. Revised Budget
AAA Admin.	\$19,945	\$4,989	\$24,934
OPI Case Mgmt.	28,305	9,979	38,284
Home Care	81,955	19,210	101,165
Personal Care	67,301	15,717	83,018
CEP Home Care	2,599	0	2,599
Totals	\$200,105	\$49,895	\$250,000