

# Appropriations Request Form

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## APPROPRIATIONS REQUEST FORM

### OREGON HOUSE DELEGATION

### FISCAL YEAR 2010

**DEADLINE FOR SUBMISSION: FEBRUARY 13, 2009**

**PLEASE NOTE: As required by the House Appropriations Committee, all requests will be made public on the requesting Member's website.**

**1. Project Title:**

Critical HIV Prevention and Care Services of Oregon (State-wide)

**2. Organization Name and address:**

Cascade Aids Project; 620 SW Fifth Avenue, Suite 300; Portland OR 97212

**3. Primary Contact name, phone number, mobile phone number, fax number and email:**

Michael Kaplan, CAP Executive Director, (office) 505.223.5907, (fax) 503.223.6437,  
mkaplan@cascadeaids.org

**4. Project Location Address (if different from Organization):**

Primary office as provided above, project implementation implemented via a partnership of six organizations covering the state of Oregon, and more than 10 sites of program delivery. Sites and project implementation activities are distributed throughout the Portland metropolitan area, Eugene Oregon, and Salem.

**5. Please describe the requesting organization's main activities, and whether it is a public, private non-profit, or private for-profit entity:**

Founded in 1983, *CAP* is the oldest and largest non-profit AIDS service organization serving Oregon and Southwest Washington. *CAP*'s mission is to prevent new HIV infections, care for people affected and infected by HIV/AIDS, educate communities to eliminate stigma and shame, and advocate for immediate action in combating the pandemic. With a staff of 50 and a volunteer board of 13, the organization carries out a broad array of programs including the Oregon HIV/AIDS STD hotline, Camp Starlight for kids affected and infected by HIV, Teen2Teen HIV prevention program, short- and long-term housing programs, Men's Wellness Center, HIV testing and referral services, and much more. *CAP* is supported by federal, state, and county contracts; local and national foundations; the United Way; and individual giving. Individual support and local foundations account for over one-third of the agency's total cash budget and more than 700 community members throughout Oregon provide 20,000 of volunteer service each year to further the organizations mission.

While Cascade AIDS Project serves as the lead-organization for this effort, the requested funds are in support of six core organizations that work together to address the impact of HIV and AIDS throughout the state of Oregon. Partnering organizations include:

- Founded in 1994, the HIV Alliance was created via the merger of several local AIDS service organizations and is based in Eugene Oregon. The Alliance provides community education, outreach information and services to empower individuals, HIV testing and counseling, referral services and more.
- *Quest*, founded in 1989, works to assist clients to sustain lifestyle changes that support healing, and to effectively strengthen those diagnosed with chronic or life-challenging illnesses, including HIV/AIDS. From social support groups to individual counseling and from nutrition to acupuncture, they offer a holistic approach to dealing with HIV.
- Since 1988, *Our House* has been providing services for PLWHA including residential care and supported care for those able to live independently. Via their Neighborhood House Care Program, Esther's Pantry and Tod's Corner, *Our House* provides occupational therapy, food, and clothing respectively for those still able to live independently but who need support due to physical limitations and/or restricted incomes.
- Established in 1995 at OHSU, *Partnership Project* provides a comprehensive array of services to people living with HIV/AIDS. Their mission is to help people living with HIV/AIDS achieve or sustain the highest possible quality of life and health and to provide those living with HIV/AIDS and their families, access to information, treatment and support services.
- The *HIV Day Center* of EMO is a drop-in center for low-income people living with HIV. The center provides hot breakfast and lunch, social networking opportunities, and helps clients meet basic needs.

**6. Briefly describe the activity or project for which funding is requested (please keep to 500 words or less.)**

Funds are sought to maintain a critical level of HIV prevention and care services throughout the state of Oregon. This coalition of non-profits collaborates to meet the needs of the estimated 7000 individuals living with HIV in Oregon via provision of case management, medical care, housing and support services and helps to reduce the number of new infections state-wide. Currently, 300 new infections occur each year in Oregon, and 100 deaths annually due to HIV and AIDS. Funds are specifically sought in recognition that federal funding for prevention has decreased by almost 20% when adjusted for inflation since 2002 and that Ryan White Care Act funds have failed to keep pace with inflation and the growing number of individuals living with HIV. Advances in controlling new HIV infections have been curtailed in the past 8 years in direct alignment with failures to ensure adequate resources.

In addition, a perfect storm has begun to brew due to the current and near-future economic challenges. Specifically, the majority of organizations partnering on this effort depend on private donations for a substantial part of their funding. However, as unemployment continues to go up and is anticipated to peak in 2010 for Oregon, private giving is anticipated to go down. Added to the economic picture is the very real impact economics have upon services and public health. With down-turned economies, the demand for subsidized services goes up, increase use of alcohol and drugs associated with elevated risk behaviors increases, and the potential for an epidemic that has never been brought fully under control to go further out of control looms.

Funds will be used to ensure a minimal set of targeted HIV prevention activities can be maintained among at-risk populations, to expand HIV counseling and testing services, and to ensure a maintained level of services in relation to housing, case management, and health. HIV prevention interventions supported with these funds shall be implemented based on interventions that have been proven effective through research. HIV counseling and testing will be targeted to ensure high-yield results. CAP's current HIV testing services through their Men's Wellness Center is the most efficient state testing site when measured by number of positive cases identified out of full number tested, yet in the current economy, CAP is unable to meet demand and has many times had to turn people away from testing due to insufficient resources.

Testing is of critical importance in Oregon, as 39% of all individuals testing HIV positive either have AIDS at the time of testing or will within 12 months. This is a statistic that shows a failure or early case identification when compared to many other states.

Care and support programs funded include basic nutrition programs for people living with HIV and AIDS, day care, mental health services, chemical addiction counseling, social support and individual medical and housing case management.

**7. Has this project received federal appropriations funding in past fiscal years?**

Yes – a federal appropriation requested in FY08 by Senator Smith of Oregon was administered through the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention for this effort. A similar request has been put in for FY09 and is being supported via Senator Wyden.

**7a. If yes, please provide fiscal year, Department, Account, and funding amount of any previous funding.**

FY08 Department of Health and Human Services; CFDA Number 93.939 - \$165,000

**8. Federal agency and account from which funds are requested (Please be specific –e.g. Department of Housing and Urban Development, Economic Development Initiatives account):**

Department of Health and Human Services; Centers for Disease Control and Prevention

**9. What is the purpose of the project? Why is it a valuable use of taxpayer funds? How will the project support efforts to improve the economy and create jobs in Oregon?**

The project focuses on preventing new HIV infections and ensuring care for those already living with the virus. An investment in prevention and early care can substantially mitigate care costs in the future due to averted new infections. The organizations that collaborate for this effort will use the requested funds to offset funds lost in the current economy. In just the last quarter of 2008, CAP has had to eliminate three positions due to down-turns in private giving, and one position due to County reduction in funds. Other partners of this coalition have also already begun cutting staff due to the down-turn in the economy and reduced resources available for public health. The positions eliminated mean a reduction in what was already considered bare-bone level of services for prevention and care. Dollars obtained through this appropriation will be used to support salaries and ensure staffing levels can be brought back to critical level of need. Beyond the dollars translating to employment at the agencies, it must be further noted that public health investment directly translates into healthier work force which can benefit both the local economy and health infrastructure.

**10. Have you requested funding for this project from other Members of Congress?**

**If so, who?**

Similar requested is being routed also on the Senate side of Congress via Senators Wyden and Merkley. In addition – the request here will also be shared with other House Representatives throughout state of Oregon.

## 11. Funding Details:

### a. Total project cost (all funding sources and all years):

\$6,888,406 (FY10 six agency summary)

### b. Amount being requested for this project in Fiscal Year 2010:

\$450,000

### c. What other funding sources (local, regional, state) are contributing to this project or activity? (Please provide specific dollar amount or percentage.)

Numbers are averages based on aggregate of six agency project budgets FY09 revenues

- Direct HOPWA = 3%
- Direct Ryan White = 5%
- State / Local Contracts (includes federal funds HOWPA/Ryan White passed through local government = 40%
- Corporate and Foundation Giving = 16%
- Individuals = 20%
- In-Kind Services = 10%
- CDC HIV Prevention = 6%

### d. Do you expect to request federal funding in future years for this project? Yes

### e. Breakdown/budget of the amount you are requesting for this project in FY 2010. (e.g. salary \$40,000; computer \$3,000):

By Agency – Allocations are as follows:

- \$120,000 Cascade AIDS Project
- \$60,000 HIV Alliance
- \$70,000 Partnership Project of OHSU
- \$70,000 Our House of Portland
- \$45,000 HIV Day Center of Ecumenical Ministries of Oregon
- \$60,000 Quest Integrative Health Center
- \$25,000 Second Tier Partners (i.e. – Coastal AIDS Network, HIV Information Network)

By Cost Element (aggregated across six agencies)

- \$337,500 Salaries
- \$50,000 Client nutrition and transport
- \$45,000 Administrative and office costs
- \$17,500 Supplies and other Miscellaneous costs

**f. Please list public or private organizations that have supported/endorsed this project:**

**Partnering Organizations:**

Cascade AIDS Project  
Our House of Portland  
Partnership Project of OHSU  
HIV Day Center of EMO  
Quest Integrative Health Center  
HIV Alliance

**Foundations:**

Collins Foundation  
Equity Foundation  
Gamma Mu Foundation  
Jackson Foundation  
MAC AIDS Fund  
Meyer Memorial Trust  
Nordstrom Foundation  
PGE Foundation  
Providence Hospital  
Symantec

**Government:**

Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (fed)  
Health Resources Services Administration (fed)  
Housing & Urban Development (fed)  
Department of Human Services (state)  
Multnomah County  
Washington Country

**Others:**

United Way of Willamette Valley  
More than 10,000 Walkers via Portland AIDS Walk  
1000's of individual Givers

**g. Is this project scalable? (i.e. if partial funding is awarded, will the organization be able to use the funds in FY 2010?):** Yes

**Please return this form no later than February 13, 2009 (via email) to:**

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