

# 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:** Working for Independence

**2. Organization Name and address:**

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

Same as organization.

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

Community Solutions for Clackamas County operates the Working for Independence program and is a division within the County's Department of Human Services. CSCC has been operating county employment and training programs for over 30 years. CSCC also operates Clackamas County's Dispute Resolution and Mediation Center and Home Weatherization Programs.

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

This project would provide extensive client-centered job training, job placement and job retention services to individuals managing a mental illness who are seeking employment. Services will also include job seeking veterans suffering from post traumatic stress disorder (PTSD), traumatic brain injury (TBI) and those diagnosed with suicidal tendencies. Targeted outreach efforts to veteran's organizations will be implemented to reach disabled veterans as well as area employers who have expressed a desire to hire veterans. The program seeks to add the following components: client participation in the Workforce Investment Act (WIA) system; community college credit for work-based learning and development of client community engagement activities.

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

Yes.

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

FY08 - \$123,000 was included in the Labor, HHS, Education Appropriations bill  
FY09 - \$250,000 was included in the House version of the FY09 Labor, HHS, Education Appropriations bill and \$200,000 was included in the Senate version of the Labor, HHS, Education Appropriations bill.

**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 Labor, JOBS.

**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?**

This project is designed to provide job skills training and employment opportunities for individuals with mental health challenges, including those with severe and persistent mental illness and veterans suffering from PTSD, TBI and those diagnosed with suicidal tendencies. It also provides area employers with an under-utilized ready-to-work labor pool, and provides families who have adult children with mental illness, PTSD or TBI an opportunity for those adult children to become more financially self sufficient and independent through the power of work.

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

Funding will be sought from Congressmen Blumenauer and Schrader and from Senators Merkley and Wyden.

**11. Funding Details:**

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

Estimated cost of the program for FY10 is \$1.49 million.

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

\$875,000

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

Total \$615,250

- Food/Coffee Cart Sales \$78,000
- Building & Property Maintenance Service Contracts \$287,000
- State Vocational Rehabilitation Contract \$40,000
- Mental Health Contract \$13,750
- County General Fund \$44,000
- Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) \$85,000
- Northwest Health Foundation \$27,500
- Department of Veteran’s Affairs Medical Center \$5,000
- Clackamas Community College (Workforce Investment Act funds) \$35,000

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

The program continues to have more client demand than resources can support, and we have tried to expand the program responsibly over time. These federal funds allow for program expansion at a wider level than we would otherwise be able to accomplish with the existing revenue stream, including program income. To the extent we strive to continue to expand, we may consider future requests when appropriate.

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

Salary and Fringe \$380,000

5.7 full-time employees who perform client-centered functions such as: case management, on the job and written vocational assessments for State Office of Vocational Rehabilitation Division & Clackamas County Community Health, vocational and life skills training, marketing to individual businesses & business groups, customized job development, job placement, job retention and/or mentoring, generate community contracts (janitorial, grounds maintenance, coffee cart) to expand training opportunities for clients, client training, client support, coordination and implementation of wraparound services and performance tracking, etc.

Materials and Supplies \$60,000

For example-Equipment rental for community contracts, i.e. janitorial floor stripper, polisher, carpet cleaner, grounds maintenance brush cutter & refuse trailer, ditch witch (water line tracker). Consumable training supplies for janitorial (which meet green industry standards), grounds maintenance and coffee cart vocational training programs, i.e. trash bags, cleaners, vacuum cleaners, lawn mowers, hedge trimmers, safety equipment and gear, rakes, shovels, weed eaters, consumable coffee cart products (coffee, milk, cups, etc), consumable food products, non disposable (sustainable) plates, mugs, eating utensils, etc.

Program Support Services \$40,000

For example-Product development for marketing and promotional materials, printing/duplicating, telephone, mileage reimbursement, travel, fuel & van rental, equipment repairs and maintenance, technical assistance, dues & membership, publications/subscriptions, etc.

Client Program Expenses \$335,000

For example-Short term participant training wages & payroll costs, participant support and wraparound services i.e. bus tickets, gas vouchers, hair cuts, tools, uniforms, dental care, eye glasses/vision care, fees for food handler's license, criminal background checks, classroom training, community engagement assistance, etc. On-the-Job Training (OJT) short term wage reimbursement to employers, assist employers with adaptive equipment to accommodate physical handicaps etc.

Equipment Purchases \$60,000

For example-commercial dish sanitizer, commercial refrigerator & freezer, van to transport participants, food preparation equipment, cold food & beverage display cases, 2 computers, 1 printer, 1 fax machine

Total: \$875,000

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

Clackamas County, Workforce Investment Council of Clackamas County, Department of Veterans Affairs Medical Center, National Alliance on Mental Illness - Clackamas County Chapter, Clackamas County Community Development Department, Northwest Housing Alternatives, Clackamas County Community Health Department, Clackamas Community College, Oregon State Department of Vocational Rehabilitation, Oregon State Department of Human Services, Social Security Administration, Oregon State Addictions and Mental Health, Clackamas County Drug Court, Clackamas County Mental Health Court, Clackamas County Family and DUII Court, Costa Pacific Communities, Columbia Care, Central City Concern, Northwest Mental Health Management Services, Catholic Charities, Cascade Management, Cascadia Behavioral Health, Oregon State Addictions and Mental Health Services, the Northwest Health Foundation, Clackamas County Sheriff's Office, Wilsonville Police Department, Clackamas County Mental Health Advisory Council, the City of Wilsonville & Wilsonville Chamber of Commerce.

**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. Fewer dollars will simply mean fewer enrolled clients.

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