

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: Financial And Elder Abuse Prosecution Project

2. Organization Name and address:

Multnomah County, Department of County Human Services, District Attorney
501 SE Hawthorne Blvd. Ste.600
Portland, OR 97214

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

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

Aging and Disability Services
421 SW OAK suite 510
Portland, Oregon 97204

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

At the Multnomah County Aging and Disability Services, our mission is to assist older adults and persons with disabilities to live as independently as possible with a range of accessible, quality services that meet their diverse needs and preferences. This is a public agency.

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

The Multnomah County Elder Abuse Project approach would include new funding for development or expansion of the Financial Abuse Specialist Team (FAST) and the Gatekeeper Programs. FAST brings together professionals from a number of disciplines to focus or specifically target cases involving financial fraud and abuse of elder citizens. The proposal would add a FAST Coordinator position to help direct and focus the efforts of the team. It would

also purchase needed Neuropsychologist, Forensic account and a forensic nurse services and incorporate additional prosecution and investigations capacity.

The Gatekeeper model is a national best practice program that identifies at-risk older adults and people with disabilities living in our community and links them to critical social and health services. Gatekeepers are not mandatory reporters. Rather, they are nontraditional referral sources such as meter readers, bank tellers and letter carriers who come into contact with older adults through their everyday work activities. Gatekeepers are trained to identify signs and symptoms that may indicate vulnerable adults needing assistance.

Both the FAST program and Gatekeeper programs are based in best practices and take a multidisciplinary approach to identifying, preventing and prosecuting abuse perpetrated on elder citizens.

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 CJS – DOJ: Byrne.....\$44,717 to enhance prosecution of financial fraud against seniors.

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 Justice - Byrne

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 Benefits of This program to Multnomah County is as follows

- Specialization in responding to financial abuse
- Members from both public and private sector working together to help bring justice
- Provides both trainings and consultations
- Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) among agencies.
- Support and validate case workers
- Increase knowledge of community resources
- Increase technical knowledge on criminal activities
- Wider range of alternative solutions
- Short and long-term intervention strategies
- Better interagency coordination, communication and cooperation
- Networking and “door opening” between professionals
- Mutually beneficial working relationships developed among pros and organizations
- Identification of and response to service gaps and systems breakdowns (e.g., APS/hospital, APS “out-stationed” workers)
- Identification of and response to legislative and policy issues
- Strengthened/enhanced ability of community to serve victims of financial abuse

Better information for prosecution.

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

Yes, Senators Wyden & Merkley, Congressmen Wu & Schrader

11. Funding Details:

a. Total project cost (all funding sources and all years): \$625,000

b. Amount being requested for this project in Fiscal Year 2010: \$625,000

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

Adult Protective Services program is comprised of state and local funds. The state of Oregon delegates responsibility for Adult Protective Services program as the Area Agency on Aging to investigate abuse, neglect and exploitation of the Elderly and persons with disabilities. The fund the state provides does not cover all of the costs associated with delivering the service. Therefore, Multnomah county provides APS with additional funds to maintain staff, equipment, and facilities to provide necessary services. In addition, Multnomah County APS provides a holistic assessment and treatment focusing on protecting the elderly by providing nursing supports and social services for abuse victims.

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):**

Prosecution and Investigation

District Attorney Office- Deputy District Attorney	\$132,275
Sheriff's Office- Financial Investigations Specialist	\$120,750

FAST

Department of County Human Services- FAST Coordinator	\$75,000
Contract Services	\$199,318
Material and Services	\$7500

Gatekeeper

Department of County Human Services- Volunteers Coordinator	\$67,546
Materials and Services	\$21,361
Volunteer recognition	<u>\$1200</u>

Total project cost	\$625,000
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f. Please list public or private organizations that have supported/endorsed this project:

Known Supporters: Multnomah County District Attorney, Portland Police Bureau, Multnomah County Sheriff, Multnomah County Department of County Human Services, Elders in Action, State Courts, Department of Community Justice.

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:

appropriations.blumenauer@mail.house.gov