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CLARK COUNTY  
WASHINGTON

SR#2015-1501

**STAFF REPORT**



**DEPARTMENT:** Clark County Public Health (CCPH)

**DATE:** January 16, 2015

**SPECIFIC REQUEST:** Clark County Board of County Councilors' (BOCC) approval to apply for a competitive award of up to \$207,500 for a Home Visiting Service Account (HVSA) expansion grant with Thrive by Five (Thrive) for April 2015-March 2016 funding. . It is further requested to authorize the Public Health Director to sign this application, future years' applications, contracts, and any amendments.

**PUBLIC HEALTH STRATEGIC INITIATIVES**

<input type="checkbox"/> 1 – Ensure public safety and increase community resilience	<input type="checkbox"/> 4 – Link public health, primary care, behavioral health, oral health, and community resources in alignment with health care reform
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> 2 – Increase opportunities for healthy living	<input type="checkbox"/> 5 – Demonstrate excellence in local public health practice and management
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> 3 – Increase opportunities for every child to have a healthy start	<input type="checkbox"/> Other - Social Justice

**BACKGROUND**

Consistent with Strategic Initiatives 2 and 3, CCPH offers the Nurse Family Partnership (NFP) program to first-time mothers throughout Clark County. NFP is an evidence-based program that improves pregnancy outcomes, child health and development, and economic self-sufficiency for the family. Research by the RAND Corporation estimates NFP returns up to \$5.70 for each \$1 spent on the program.

In 2010, the Washington State Legislature created the HVSA, which leverages state and federal home visiting funds by matching them with private investments raised by Thrive to increase the availability of high-quality, evidence-based home visiting programs. The research shows that these programs:

- enhance child development and well-being by alleviating the effects of poverty and other known risk factors on child development;
- reduce the incidence of child abuse and neglect; and
- promote school readiness for young children and their families.

In 2014, CCPH was awarded HVSA funding by Thrive through a competitive bid process. CCPH re-applied for those funds for 2015. A new funding opportunity, an expansion grant to serve families who are enrolled in Temporary Assistance for Needy Families (TANF), was announced by Thrive in December.. This funding reflects a partnership between Thrive and the Washington departments of Social and Health Services, Early Learning and Commerce.

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*Prevent disease \* Promote healthy choices \* Protect food, water and air \* Prepare for emergencies*

These funds will allow us to provide services to individuals of highest need and is one step in the continued efforts to seek a variety of funding sources for NFP services throughout the county. Blended funding contributes to the critical sustainability of NFP in our community -a highly valued program that holds promise for transformed lives and cost savings in law enforcement, child protection, and education. In order for this to happen, CCPH needs to provide NFP services to meet the needs of enough first-time mothers in Clark County to make a difference.

### **COMMUNITY INVOLVEMENT**

NFP is well integrated in the community. For example, NFP staff collaborates with the school districts' teen parent programs to ensure pregnant and parenting teens graduate. Referrals to NFP come from a wide variety of sources including prenatal providers, Medicaid-managed care plans, juvenile justice, school nurses, teen parenting classes, and the Women, Infants and Children's program. This grant will assure an enhanced partnership with DSHS and housing providers in the community, as the funds are intended to be used for serving TANF clients and clients experiencing unstable housing or homelessness.

### **HEALTH EQUITY**

NFP addresses the root causes of individual health inequity for both the first-time mother and her child by providing options for overcoming barriers that prevent optimal health. NFP helps mothers build resiliency and self-sufficiency; learn critical parenting skills such as child safety, bonding/attachment, and how to help their baby learn. The program increases healthy birth outcomes, prevents childhood abuse and neglect, and builds school readiness.

### **ACTION REQUESTED**

- Clark County BOCC approval to apply for an expansion grant with Thrive for 2015 funding.
- Authorization by Clark County BOCC for the Public Health Director to sign the application, future applications, contracts, and any amendments.

### **BUDGET AND POLICY IMPLICATIONS**

The funding period is April 1, 2015 through March 31, 2016 and may be renewed in subsequent years.

### **FISCAL IMPACT**

Yes (see attached form)

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**FISCAL IMPACT ATTACHMENT**

**Estimated Revenues**

Fund #/Title	Current Biennium		Next Biennium		Second Biennium	
	GF	Total	GF	Total	GF	Total
1025 / Thrive by Five Revenue		\$207,500				
<b>Total</b>		<b>\$207,500</b>				

**Estimated Expenditures**

Fund #/Title	FTE's	Current Biennium		Next Biennium		Second Biennium	
		GF	Total	GF	Total	GF	Total
1025 / Public Health			\$207,500				
<b>Total</b>			<b>\$207,500</b>				

Expenditure by object category

Fund #/Title	Current Biennium		Next Biennium		Second Biennium	
	GF	Total	GF	Total	GF	Total
Salary		\$154,865				
Fringe						
Supplies						
Travel		\$4,750				
Other controllables		\$47,885				
Capital Outlays						
Inter-fund Transfers						
Debt Service						
<b>Total</b>		<b>\$207,500</b>				