



Request for Participation: Critical Access Hospital TRAUMA SCENARIO SIMULATION-BASED TEAM TRAINING

BACKGROUND:

The Oregon Office of Rural Health (ORH) recognizes that Oregon's Critical Access Hospitals (CAHs) are uniquely compelled to work with local and regional Emergency Medical Services (EMS). Well-practiced, targeted trauma care coordination, that is delivered effectively and in timely manner, improves outcomes for patients, providers, and payers.

With funding from the Health Resources and Services Administration (HRSA) Rural Hospital Flexibility Grant funds, the ORH is pleased to announce a training opportunity for CAHs to improve upon their existing trauma and EMS response models, working collaboratively with hospital-affiliated or external EMS responders in their region.

TRAINING OPPORTUNITY OVERVIEW:

Through this Request for Participation, the ORH seeks applications from Oregon CAHs to participate in an on-site, real-time trauma scenario simulation-based team training conducted with the [Idaho Simulation Network](#) (ISN).

Applicant hospitals should identify and include an affiliated or external local EMS agency to collaboratively participate in the simulation training. A critical element of the team-based training is a field trauma event in order to simulate real-time EMS participation and hand-off with the hospital partner.

Hospitals are invited to submit applications, using the instructions below, that will document:

- Intent to strengthen trauma response, and care transition and coordination partnerships: Hospital applicants should clearly identify current trauma response programming and EMS partnership work, and the measurable role trauma simulation team-based training would play in expanding and/or improving trauma response programming and partnerships in their region. Hospital must identify at least one EMS agency participant and at least three ways simulation and team-based training could improve trauma response among the partners.

AND

- The value of team-based training to regional trauma response efforts: Hospital applicants should identify why team-based simulation training would enhance trauma response outcomes for the targeted patient group(s), and how participation in the simulation scenario could be used to benefit future response programming and increase CAH-EMS partnerships in respective regions. Hospital to clearly identify a minimum of three benefits.



Applications must have clearly defined explanation for desire to participate and strengthen CAH and EMS partnership. Projects should lead to measurable improvement to trauma response services, continuity of care and the health outcomes for targeted practice and patients.

KEY DATES:

Proposals Due:	December 29, 2017	5 p.m. PST
Selected Awardees Notified:	January 19, 2018	5 p.m. PST
Project Implementation Period:	Scheduled February-June 2018	

ELIGIBLE APPLICANTS:

This opportunity is open to all Oregon CAHs, with the goal of strengthening collaborative EMS models within their service area. Any CAH staff member may apply so long as they have support from the hospital Chief Executive Officer (see Attachment A).

AWARD DETAILS:

The award pays the cost of participating in a day-long trauma scenario simulation, run by ISN. Similar scenarios typically cost upwards of \$10,000 per event. Scenarios will incorporate telehealth where applicable, and include:

- At least one pediatric critical event patient;
- A minimum of one progressive scenario with the partner EMS agency bringing the simulated patient to the hospital where stabilization occurs and air medical services are contacted (as applicable);
- Official TeamSTEPPS® methodology and ensure CAH staff and EMS providers work together to complete the scenarios;
- An immediate on-site debriefing/evaluation session for each training to assess measureable outcomes;
- Provision of a simulation video and simulation response observation checklist for reference.

The Office of Rural Health will fund participation for three CAH participants, selected based on the strength of their applications.

AWARDEE REQUIREMENTS:

Awardee participants will be required to:

- Schedule a full day trauma simulation scenario on-site in their region and at their facility, coordinated with their identified EMS partner and ISN;
- Participate in the event debriefing and response review;
- Cooperate in future efforts by ORH to replicate similar program(s) to assist other CAHs in program development.

APPLICATION INSTRUCTIONS:

The proposal should address the following items in the order listed below. Please use the titles provided for each section. Please use 12-point Times Roman font for text, and no smaller than half-inch margins. The proposal should be submitted in a single PDF document via email to Rebecca Dobert at dobert@ohsu.edu by **December 29, 2017 at 5pm PST**. All submissions will receive confirmation of receipt.



I Cover Sheet (Attachment A)

Please complete all sections of the Application Cover Sheet (Attachment A) including signatures. This page should be included as the first page in the full application PDF.

II Executive Summary (Maximum 1/2 page)

Provide a brief summary of the proposal for inclusion including:

- Overview of existing or proposed EMS collaborative work:
 - Length of time collaboration has been implemented, if applicable;
 - Key personnel;
 - Current or proposed collaborative activities;
 - Targeted population or scenarios and why;
 - Anticipated improvements to targeted scenarios and patients.

III Participation Request (Maximum 1 page)

Provide a detailed request for participation, including:

- Detailed description of the goals of participating in a team-based trauma simulation;
- A brief description of each of the persons participating in the training, their role and experience;
- Description of current or proposed EMS collaboration, and EMS project responsibilities;
- Expected service, response and patient outcomes.

IV Letter of EMS Collaboration

Applicant hospitals must provide a letter of collaboration, or intent to collaboratively work with, an identified regional EMS service partner, affiliated or external.

Letters should document:

- Current partnership efforts, if applicable. Efforts can include collaborative training, improvement projects, process review- any work jointly undertaken by a CAH and an EMS service (affiliated or external) in order to improve response times, outcomes, and/or transitions of care. Please include any measured improvements since undertaking collaboration.
- If no collaborative partnership exists, hospitals should document plans of intent to work collaboratively and build on team-based training if selected to participate in the ISN simulation. Please include planned measures of improvement to be tracked upon implementation of collaborative work.

REVIEW CRITERIA

All applications will be reviewed for eligibility. Those applications that are eligible will be scored and will undergo a comprehensive evaluation by an impartial review committee composed of members designated by ORH. Applications will be assessed with regard to the following review criteria:

Section	Points available
Rationale to Strengthen Programming and Partnerships/Identify EMS Partner and Benefits	35
Value of Team-Based Response Training to Programming/Minimum Benefit	35
Letter of Collaboration/Clarity of Collaborative Work or Implementation Planning	30



Total	100 points
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ORH may reject proposals if the proposed projects do not meet the intent of the grant opportunity or do not include all of the required information.

QUESTIONS

Please address questions to Rebecca Dobert at dobert@ohsu.edu.



ATTACHMENT A: APPLICATION COVER SHEET

Hospital Name: _____

Applicant Project Director: _____

Address: _____ City, State, Zip: _____

Telephone: _____ Email: _____

Hospital Tax ID#: _____ Hospital CFO Name: _____

Name and title of the person(s) authorized to represent the Applicant in any negotiations and sign any Grant Agreement that may result:

Name: _____ Title: _____

By signing this page and submitting an application, the following persons certify that the following statements are true:

1. The Applicant does not discriminate in its employment practices with regard to race, creed, age, religious affiliation, sex, disability, sexual orientation or national origin.
2. Information and costs included in this application shall remain valid for 90 days after the application due date or until a grant is approved, whichever comes first.
3. The statements contained in this application are true and complete to the best of the Applicant's knowledge and the Applicant accepts as a condition of the grant, the obligation to comply with the applicable State and Federal requirements, policies, standards and regulations. The undersigned recognizes that this is a public document and open to public inspection.
4. The Applicant, by submitting an application in response to this Request for Grant Proposals (RFGP), certifies that it understands that any statement or representation contained in, or attached to, its application, and any statement, representation or application the Applicant may submit under any grant awarded under this RFGP, that constitutes a "claim" (as defined by the Oregon False Claims Act, ORS 180.750(1)), is subject to the Oregon False Claims Act, ORS 180.750 to 180.785, and to any liabilities or penalties associated with the making of a false claim under that Act.
5. *The Applicant has read and agrees to all grantee requirements. Failure to meet **all** of the requirements will result in the hospital no longer being eligible for grant funding from the Office of Rural Health through 2018.*

Project Director Name | Signature: _____ Date: _____

CEO Name | Signature: _____ Date: _____

