

**Local Public Funding: Legislative Advocacy to Increase
Resources for Legal Services and Legal Aid Programs**

Urban/Suburban/Rural Areas of Oregon

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a. Description/Discussion of Successful Local Public Funding Projects in Oregon

i. Keys to success:

- Long-term relationships with key departmental decision-makers
- Identifying your champion
- Understand the agency's self-interest
- Reputation for doing high quality, cost-effective work
- Current information on funding opportunities and requirements
- Willingness to collaborate
- Grant management experience and capacity
- Knowing when to say "no"

ii. Examples:

- Domestic violence services
Materials: Multnomah County "DVERT" project
 1. Application narrative
 2. Contract
- Fair Housing
Materials: City of Bend, Community Development Block Grant Program
 1. Application narrative
 2. Subrecipient Agreement
- Older Americans Act
Materials: Contract with Douglas County Health and Social Services Department, Seniors and Disabilities Service Division

b. Multi-County Strategy

- i. Overcome the problem of turf: what client problems cross county boundaries?
- ii. Look for regional funding, regional agency responsibilities, and existing regional structures
- iii. Internal inter-office cooperation

c. Current Challenges