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Ryan White Part A funding reduced
Reductions mean fewer support services for people with HIV/AIDS

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Multnomah County Health Department received notice of the Ryan White Part A federal funding for this year. Ryan White Part A funding is available to low income people living with HIV/AIDS in Clackamas, Columbia, Multnomah, Washington, and Yamhill Counties as well as Clark County in Washington. The amount received this year, \$3,077,929, is 9.5 percent less than last year, and is approximately the same amount as was received in 1999.

According to Multnomah County Health Department Director Lillian Shirley, "The reduction in Ryan White funds requires difficult choices, but Multnomah County Health Department is committed to ensuring access to vital health services for people living with HIV/AIDS."

While core medical services have largely been maintained, the reduction in funds will result in fewer support services being available. Clients who do not have other sources of support for medical care, dental care, mental health and substance abuse treatment, and medical case management will continue to receive those services. Larger reductions will be felt in support services, such as housing and support services, assisting low-income people living with HIV/AIDS in maintaining their health and connection to medical care.