



HSSA Update September 2012

General

- The Health Sciences & Services Authority (HSSA) of Spokane County was created by the Washington State Legislature in 2007 to promote bioscience-based economic development and public health. It was authorized by the Spokane County Commissioners in late 2008, and the inaugural Board was appointed three each by the Governor, Spokane County Commissioners and Mayor of Spokane and began operating in 2009.
- HSSA receives .02 percent sales and use tax in Spokane County, or approximately \$1.4 million annually to fulfill its mission, and began its grant funding program in 2009.
- HSSA successfully bonded 75 percent of its revenues through Spokane County in 2010 and raised \$10,700,000 at favorable rates.
- In 2011, the HSSA collaborated with Empire Health Foundation on a Strategic Investment Plan (SIP) for Health Sciences in Spokane County. The intent was to leverage the funds of each organization and to determine how best to fund health sciences research and infrastructure for the best return on limited investments.
- Three strategic goals were identified in the SIP:
 - *Invest in Human Capital to Accelerate Spokane's Health Sciences Research Capacity*
 - *Fund Innovative Research to Expedite Commercialization and Spur Job Growth*
 - *Support Innovative Research that Advances Spokane as a National Leader in Health Delivery Research*
- The HSSA Board issued three Requests for Proposals (RFPs 5, 6 & 7) in November 2011 directly related to these three funding priorities, and as a result has to date granted \$1.8 million to **Washington State University** to assist recruitment packages for two nationally-acclaimed research scientists to move to the WSU-Spokane campus with their research, and provided half of the funding for two critical pieces of core laboratory equipment, and \$486,037 to **Iasis Molecular Sciences** to continue its research to reduce health care-caused infections.
- HSSA launched its new marketing campaign, "**We want to fund your research in Spokane County,**" at the WBBA Life Science Innovation 2012 conference in Seattle July 11-12, 2012 at the Washington State Convention Center.

By the Numbers

Since operations began in 2009, the HSSA has committed \$3,400,177 to date in 19 grants, \$2,538,900 for bioscience research and infrastructure, and \$861,277 to organizations who increase access to health care for the under- and uninsured in Spokane County.

- \$10.7 million raised by bonding revenues has been set aside in a separate account to fund health sciences research and infrastructure in the three strategic priority areas listed above.
- Payroll currently or estimated over the next 5 years as a result of HSSA-funded grants is approximately \$9.5 million, resulting in about 190 jobs over the same time frame.
- HSSA grants have leveraged additional funding of \$10.6 million.

- Project Access’ Return in Community Investment (ROCI) goal has received \$325,000 and for every \$1 of HSSA funds, Project Access has achieved an \$11 return on the investment. The value of donated medical care in 2011 was \$5.4 million.
- Organizations providing access to health care have provided such care to an additional 4,869 County residents to date who otherwise would not have received health care.

Organizations Funded by HSSA to Date

Community Health Association of Spokane (CHAS)	\$ 100,000
Iasis Molecular Sciences “Infection-Control Solutions for At Risk Patients”	486,037
Institute for Systems Medicine	675,000
Greater Spokane Incorporated/Washington State University	75,000
Northeast Community Center	75,000
Providence Sacred Heart Foundation for its HIV/AIDS Clinic	30,000
Partners with Families & Children (1 st Grant)	29,000
Partners with Families & Children (2 nd Grant)	38,877
Project Access (1 st Grant)	225,000
Project Access (2 nd Grant)	100,000
Project Access (3 rd Grant)	100,000
Providence Medical Research Center for Medical Intervention in End-Stage Renal Disease	200,000
Spokane Prescription Assistance (1 st Grant)	30,000
Spokane Prescription Assistance (2 nd Grant)	30,000
WSU Multi-Discipline Health Clinic	28,400
WSU Recruitment Start-Up Package for Phil Lazarus, Ph.D.	500,000
WSU Recruitment Start-Up Package for Mike Gibson, Ph.D.	200,000
WSU Mass Spectrometry Core Laboratory (Liquid Chromatography/Mass Spec)	234,500
WSU Microscopy Core Laboratory (Laser Scanning Confocal Microscope)	243,363
<i>Total Grants Committed to Date</i>	\$ 3,400,177

About Our Board:

Nancy Isserlis, City Attorney, City of Spokane, and HSSA Board Chair; **Earl F. “Marty” Martin, Ph.D.**, Executive Vice President, Gonzaga University and HSSA Board Vice Chair; **Michael Wilson**, Chief Executive, Providence Health Care and Grants Committee Chair; **Jason Thackston**, Vice President of Energy Delivery, Avista Corp. and Finance Committee Chair; **Dr. Jeff Collins**, Medical Director, Providence Health Care; **Kevin Oldenburg**, Ph.D., President, MatriCal Bioscience, Inc.; **Gary Pollack, Ph.D.**, Vice Provost for Health Sciences, Dean and Professor, College of Pharmacy, **David J. Vachon, Ph.D.**, CEO/Founder, Iasis Molecular Sciences, and **Francisco R. Velázquez**, M.D., S.M., President & CEO, PAML.

For More Information:

The mission of HSSA is to invest funds to create and support a nationally competitive health sciences research cluster in Spokane County, and to increase access to health care. HSSA works collaboratively with community partners to catalyze higher education research and the health sciences industry to lead to higher wage jobs, long-term sustainability and economic diversification. For more information, visit our website at www.hssaspokane.org, or contact **Susan Ashe**, Executive Director, at 509.358.2113 or info@hssaspokane.org.