

## H. Consortium/Contractual Arrangements

*Poder es Salud/Power For Health* is a joint project of the Multnomah County Health Department (MCHD), the Sankofaa Institute for Cultural Learning, the Urban League of Portland, the Latino Network, and the School of Community Health at Portland State University (PSU).

MCHD will serve as the grantee and fiscal agent for the project. This designation is appropriate because of MCHD's long history of successfully administering federal grants and its ability to serve as a bridge between community-based organizations and institutions of higher learning. In addition, staff of MCHD's Community Capacitation Center (CCC) have substantial experience developing, managing and evaluating CHW intervention projects such as the one proposed in this application.

The School of Community Health at Portland State University will hold a sub-contract with MCHD to conduct the research component of this project. The Principal Investigator and two Co-Principal Investigators are members of the faculty of the School of Community Health and possess substantial experience conducting research into community-based programs. Evidence of PSU's commitment to this project is found in the letter of support from Dr. Bill Feyerherm, Vice Provost for Research and Graduate Studies at PSU.

In addition, MCHD will sub-contract with three community-based organizations: the Urban League of Portland, the Sankofaa Institute for Cultural Learning, and the Latino Network. These agencies will employ the CHWs and provide office space for them. Placement of the CHWs in these agencies will allow for closer identification with the communities in which they will work. CHWs will be jointly supervised by the CBOs and the Project Manager for *Poder es Salud/Power for Health*. The three CBOs have participated in the development of this project since its inception, meeting regularly to define the project goals, methods, and desired outcomes.



