



BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS

AGENDA REQUEST & STAFF REPORT

MEETING DATE: October 4, 2021

SUBJECT: Consideration of Board Approval to Apply for Birth Certificate Grant Program

RECOMMENDED MOTION:

Move approval of Birth Certificate Grant Program application.

BACKGROUND AND POLICY IMPLICATIONS:

Without a birth certificate, it is difficult for homeless individuals to obtain the identification necessary to access services, social security, and benefits, as well as housing.

House Bill 2402 SECTION 2. (1) states:

The Oregon Health Authority shall establish a grant program for the purpose of allowing an individual who is homeless to obtain a certified copy of the individual's record of live birth at a reduced rate or free of charge.

Deschutes County Health Services intends to apply for Oregon Health Authority's Birth Certificate Grant Program. Funds will be used to obtain birth certificates for homeless individuals who have lost their birth certificate. In turn, birth certificates can be used to obtain identification needed for entitlements and housing.

BUDGET IMPACTS:

Grant funds determined at the time of award of approximately \$2,000.

ATTENDANCE:

Molly Wells Darling, Program Manager Access and Integration