



## BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS

# AGENDA REQUEST & STAFF REPORT

**MEETING DATE:** June 28, 2023

**SUBJECT:** Approval of an agreement with the US Forest Service to fund the Oregon Living With Fire program for another five years

**RECOMMENDED MOTION:**

Move approval of County Administrator signature of Document No. 2023-402, a five-year agreement with the Forest Service providing funding for the Oregon Living With Fire program.

**BACKGROUND AND POLICY IMPLICATIONS:**

The Forest Service has provided funding for the Oregon Living With Fire (OLWF) program for the last five years. On May 31, 2023, that agreement ended; the new five year agreement will begin June 29, 2023 and end on June 29, 2028. In the previous agreement, the Forest Service provided \$35,065 annually for a total of \$175,325. The new agreement provides \$60,000 per year for a total value of \$300,000. The program has the flexibility of exceeding the annual allocation as long as the total amount is not exceeded. There is a match requirement that will be easily accomplished using the funds from the four county agreement.

**BUDGET IMPACTS:**

\$300,000 grant with match requirements the next five years.

**ATTENDANCE:**

Joe Stutler, Deschutes County Senior Advisor and OLWF Contract Administrator  
Jodie Barram and Jennifer Fenton, Co-Coordinators