



BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS

AGENDA REQUEST & STAFF REPORT

MEETING DATE: June 28, 2023

SUBJECT: Public Hearing: Application for 2023 Community Development Block Grant

RECOMMENDED MOTION:

First, hold a public hearing. Thereafter, approve submittal of the grant application to Business Oregon as proposed.

BACKGROUND AND POLICY IMPLICATIONS:

The purpose of this hearing is for the Board of County Commissioners to obtain citizen input and to respond to questions and comments about: community development and housing needs, especially the needs of low- and moderate-income persons, as well as other needs in the community that might be assisted with a Community Development Block Grant project; and the proposed project.

Business Oregon administers the state of Oregon's annual federal allocation of Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) funds for non-metropolitan cities and counties. The primary objective of the CDBG program is to develop livable urban communities for persons of low and moderate incomes by expanding economic opportunities and providing housing and suitable living environments.

Deschutes County is eligible to apply for a 2023 Community Development Block Grant from the Business Oregon. Community Development Block Grant funds come from the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development. The grants can be used for public facilities and housing improvements, primarily for persons with low and moderate incomes.

Deschutes County is preparing an application for a 2023 Community Development Block Grant from the Business Oregon for the Central Oregon Regional Housing Rehabilitation project, which will provide home repair and rehabilitation loans to homeowners in Crook, Deschutes and Jefferson counties, outside of Bend and Redmond. It is estimated that the proposed project will benefit at least 25 persons, of whom 100% will be low or moderate income.

The cities of Bend and Redmond are urban/entitlement communities that receive funds

directly from the US Department of Housing and Urban Development and not eligible to apply for a CDBG grant. Deschutes County is a non-entitlement entity and may access CDBG funds through this grant process. Approximately \$12 million will be awarded to Oregon non-metropolitan cities and counties in 2023.

Deschutes County will be applying for a \$400,000 grant. Although funds are sub-granted to NeighborImpact, Deschutes County will retain responsibility for compliance with program rules, regulations, etc. NeighborImpact is responsible for various grant administration activities to support the grant recipient local government, in addition to operator of the lending program.

BUDGET IMPACTS:

None

ATTENDANCE:

Erik Kropp, Deputy County Administrator

Stephanie Robinson, Administrative Analyst

Andrew Spreadborough, Deputy Executive Director, NeighborImpact