



## BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS

# AGENDA REQUEST & STAFF REPORT

**MEETING DATE:** September 4, 2024

**SUBJECT:** Grant opportunity to explore the development of a recreational campground on County-owned property at Fort Thompson Lane

### **RECOMMENDED MOTIONS:**

Option 1: Move to approve an application for a grant to the Oregon State Parks and Recreation's County Opportunity Grant Program to fund planning for and/or developing new camping and/or support facilities for the County-owned property at Fort Thompson Lane.

Option 2: Move to not approve an application for a grant to the Oregon State Parks and Recreation's County Opportunity Grant Program to fund planning for and/or developing new camping and/or support facilities for the County-owned property at Fort Thompson Lane.

### **BACKGROUND AND POLICY IMPLICATIONS:**

Oregon State Parks and Recreation Department has a County Opportunity Grant Program (COGP) to fund qualified projects for Oregon counties. Staff seeks guidance from the Board on whether to apply for this grant opportunity. If the Board directs the submission of an application, staff recommends the application specify that any funds granted would be used to develop a Master Conceptual Plan, including a point of access assessment, for a recreational campground located on County-owned property at Fort Thompson Lane.

The grant opportunity opened August 1, 2024. Applications are due by October 1, 2024.

Eligible Projects include:

- Acquisition – Acquiring property for public camping facilities
- Development – Developing new campgrounds and/or support facilities
- Rehabilitation – Rehabilitating grounds or structures to meet ADA requirements
- Planning – Planning for future development of overnight camping facilities, including park master plans

Match criteria: Counties with more than 30,000 residents require a 50% local match.

**BUDGET IMPACTS:**

It is estimated that a Master Conceptual Plan will cost between \$150,000 - \$200,000. If the Board directs staff to apply for the grant and funds are awarded, staff estimates that the County cost share for the plan would be between \$75,000 - \$100,000.

The COGP is expected to be awarded in the Spring of 2025 and staff anticipates that any County cost share could be included in the FY 2026 budget. Potential funding sources could include Fund 130 (Park Acquisition and Development) or Fund 165 (Video Lottery).

**ATTENDANCE:**

Jen Patterson, Strategic Initiatives Manager