



## BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS

# AGENDA REQUEST & STAFF REPORT

**MEETING DATE:** October 5, 2022

**SUBJECT:** Consideration of Board approval and Chair signature of Document No. 2022-470, a City of Bend grant agreement

**RECOMMENDED MOTION:** Move approval of Chair signature of Document No. 2022-470, a City of Bend grant agreement

**BACKGROUND AND POLICY IMPLICATIONS:**

The City of Bend (City) is granting \$328,000 of American Rescue Plan Act funding to Deschutes County Health Services (DCHS) for the period September 1, 2022 to August 31, 2024 in order for the County to expand the existing Mobile Crisis Team response to mental health crises in the community.

DCHS and the City desire to enhance services to members of the community that are living with mental health issues. DCHS, the City's Police Department 911, and Crisis Intervention Team Steering Committee will collaborate to develop a protocol and criteria for non-law enforcement (NLE) response. Mobile Crisis Assessment Team (MCAT) clinicians on duty will respond in pairs to certain calls that meet the NLE response criteria. MCATs will be available 24 hours per day, 7 days per week. Funding for this purpose is intended to reduce the number of calls to, and officer responses from, the Bend Police Department when the primary concern is an individual with a mental illness and/or suicidal intentions.

City will disburse funds in eight quarterly payment of \$41,000, for a total of \$328,000. Funding will support \$226,836 wages and benefits for 1.0 FTE regular Behavioral Health Specialist I, \$25,000 of supervisor wages and benefits, and \$43,364 toward the operation of the Stabilization Center. Additionally, \$32,800 (10%) of indirect expenses are funded by this grant.

The Health Services Department is recommending the new Behavioral Health Specialist I position be regular instead of limited duration. We anticipate this program will successfully meet its purpose and the city will continue to fund the position. However, if the city

discontinues funding, DCHS will consider the future of this position within the budgeting process.

**BUDGET IMPACTS:** \$328,000 revenue for the term September 1, 2022 through August 31, 2024. If approved, an FTE resolution and budget adjustment will be forthcoming from Finance.

**ATTENDANCE:**

Holly Harris, Behavioral Health Manager