



## BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS

# AGENDA REQUEST & STAFF REPORT

**MEETING DATE:** November 1, 2023

**SUBJECT:** Central Oregon Health Council Opportunity Grant

**RECOMMENDED MOTIONS:**

- 1) Move approval of Document No. 2023-925 accepting a Central Oregon Health Council Opportunity grant;
- 2) Move approval of Board Order No. 2023-046, designating signing authority for this grant to Public Health Program Manager Jessica Jacks;
- 3) Move approval of Resolution no. 2023-061 extending 1.0 limited duration FTE from September 29, 2025 to September 30, 2026.

**BACKGROUND AND POLICY IMPLICATIONS:**

Deschutes County Health Services (DCHS) is seeking Board approval to accept a Central Oregon Health Council (COHC) 2023 Opportunity Grant award in the amount of \$150,000 and to extend 1.0 limited duration FTE from September 29, 2025 to September 30, 2026.

The COHC 2023 opportunity grant funds projects which have already been awarded funding from another grantor and that align with the Regional Health Improvement Plan (RHIP) Future State Measures. This \$150,000 grant will assist in enhancing and sustaining the Drug Free Community (DFC) grant funded program.

DCHS' current DFC grant, awarded by the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC), addresses the geographic area of the City of Bend with a focus on preventing youth under 18 years from consuming alcohol, e-cigarettes and vape pens, and increasing their perception of risk for underage cannabis use. DFC required goals include:

1. Increase community collaboration – including engagement and coalition sustainability.
2. Reduce youth substance use- including Information dissemination, education problem identification and referral, and environmental strategies

The DFC grant expires September 29, 2025. The COHC Opportunity Grant will allow DCHS Public Health (PH) to expand the DFC grant timeline through September 30, 2026, expand the service area from Bend only to broader Deschutes County, and expand service

population from youth under 18 only to include young adults (18-25 year olds) while strengthening the sustainability of recent projects.

DCHS intends to use all funding to support a current 1.0 FTE Community Health Specialist II (limited duration currently ending September 29, 2025). Total cost of salary and benefits for the proposed 12-month timeframe is \$149,902. Additionally, it should be noted that the COHC grant opportunity does not allow for indirect costs. The loss of indirect revenue from the DFC grant is \$9,000. In recognition of this loss, DCHS will consider multiple options to address the shortfall in future budget periods; this may include reprioritization of current resources or reduction of FTE.

**BUDGET IMPACTS:**

\$150,000 revenue for the term September 30, 2025 through September 30, 2026. There are no budget impacts for the current fiscal year.

**ATTENDANCE:**

Jessica Jacks, Public Health Program Manager  
Jess Neuwirth, Public Health Supervisor  
Dan Emerson, Budget & Financial Planning Manager