



## BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS

# AGENDA REQUEST & STAFF REPORT

**MEETING DATE:** February 14, 2024

**SUBJECT:** Oregon Health Authority grant agreement #PO-44300-00026008 for Behavioral Health Services

**RECOMMENDED MOTION:**

Move approval of Chair signature of Document No. 2024-135, an agreement accepting grant funding from the Oregon Health Authority.

**BACKGROUND AND POLICY IMPLICATIONS:**

Oregon Health Authority (OHA) intergovernmental agreement (IGA) #PO-44300-00026008 outlines the program descriptions, reporting requirements and financing of Community Mental Health, Addiction Treatment, Recovery, and Prevention, and Problem Gambling Services for Deschutes County. The IGA provides funding in the amount of \$11,771,788 for the period January 1, 2024 through June 30, 2025.

As the local Community Mental Health Program, Deschutes County Health Services (DCHS) Behavioral Health helps County residents facing serious mental health and addiction issues. Priority populations include Oregon Health Plan members, uninsured County residents with nowhere else to turn, and people in crisis, who are often in unstable situations or are a danger to themselves or others. The department also coordinates services for County residents in care at the State Hospital or served through other agencies or facilities. These services assist people in need, alleviate community problems, promote client health and prevent more costly care and intervention.

In this agreement, OHA is providing funding in the amount of \$11,771,788 for the 18-month term. This amount is \$1,201,245, or 11.36%, greater when compared to the previous 18 months of funding provided in IGA #173133 (\$10,570,542) and its amendments (after removing the variance caused by an OHA funding error for SE 17, Non-OHP Community and Residential Assistance, in amendment 7). Part of the increase in funding is due to inflation increases not previously passed on to DCHS for some SEs. OHA did not provide specifics on which SEs are receiving the one-time inflation increase. Overall, the average SE increase was 17.02%, with eight SEs receiving the median increase of 5.6%.

OHA has acknowledged that this IGA may contain errors in funding for several service elements, such as SE25. OHA is requesting DCHS sign the IGA as is, and they will make corrections, as needed, in forthcoming amendments.

**BUDGET IMPACTS:**

\$3,988,238 revenue for the period January 1, 2024 – June 30, 2024.

\$7,783,550 revenue for the period July 1, 2024 – June 30, 2025.

**ATTENDANCE:**

Holly Harris, Behavioral Health Director

Cheryl Smallman, Health Services Business Officer