



BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS

AGENDA REQUEST & STAFF REPORT

MEETING DATE: June 26, 2024

SUBJECT: Acceptance of a grant from Business Oregon for County Fair and Fairground
Operation Loss Support

RECOMMENDED MOTION:

Move to accept the grant award and authorize the County Administrator to sign Document No. 2024-541, a grant performance agreement with Business Oregon.

BACKGROUND AND POLICY IMPLICATIONS:

In the 2023 legislative session, \$3 million in lottery bond funding was allocated to Business Oregon to provide grants to aid in County Fair revenue loss due to statewide health mandates that affected business during the COVID-19 pandemic. All Oregon Fair Operators were eligible for these grant awards if they encountered a significant loss in their revenue between February 29, 2020, and June 30, 2023. The funding amounts were determined through an equal distribution calculation based off the total amount available divided by the total applicants.

Deschutes County Fair & Expo was selected to receive a funds award in the amount of \$94,112, to be used for rebuilding the Fair & Expo fund balances after revenue loss due to COVID-19.

BUDGET IMPACTS:

\$94,112 in revenue.

ATTENDANCE:

Geoff Hinds, Fair & Expo Center Director