



BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS

AGENDA REQUEST & STAFF REPORT

MEETING DATE: January 31, 2024

SUBJECT: Application for Energy Efficiency and Conservation Block Grant Funds

RECOMMENDED MOTIONS:

Move to authorize the submittal of an application for grant funds to complete an Energy Audit and develop an Energy Efficiency and Conservation Strategy.

BACKGROUND:

The Department of Energy has funded the Energy Efficiency and Conservation Block Grant (EECBG) program from the Bipartisan Infrastructure Law. The EECBG program is designed to assist states, local governments, and Tribes in implementing strategies to reduce energy use, to reduce fossil fuel emissions, and to improve energy efficiency.

The EECBG has designated \$78,310 in funds for Deschutes County. With these funds, the County can apply for a Technical Assistance Voucher which allows government entities to use the funds for eligible voucher activities without going through a more rigorous federal grant process.

One of the requirements of using EECBG funds is for the local government entities to have an energy efficiency and conservation strategy, eligible voucher activities include using part of the funds to develop the strategy.

If the Commissioners are in favor of applying for the EECBG funding designated for Deschutes County, staff recommends the funds be applied to developing an energy efficiency and conservation strategy and conducting an energy audit.

ATTENDANCE:

Lee Randall, Facilities Director

Jen Patterson, Strategic Initiatives Manager