



BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS

AGENDA REQUEST & STAFF REPORT

MEETING DATE: February 18, 2026

SUBJECT: Approval of an intergovernmental agreement accepting funding from the Oregon Health Authority for a Veteran Behavioral Health Peer Support Specialist position; and approval of Resolution 2026-002 increasing appropriations and FTE within the Health Services Fund

RECOMMENDED MOTIONS:

1. Move approval of Document No. 2026-0040, an Intergovernmental Agreement with the Oregon Health Authority.
2. Move approval of Resolution 2026-002 increasing appropriations and FTE in the Health Services Fund and the FY 2026 Deschutes County budget.

BACKGROUND AND POLICY IMPLICATIONS:

On August 27, 2025, the Board of County Commissioners (BOCC) approved Deschutes County Health Services (DCHS) to accept additional Oregon Health Authority (OHA) funding for the Veteran Behavioral Health Peer Support Specialist (VBHPSS) program. The additional funding allows DCHS to enhance the County's program for veterans through the addition of a 1.0 limited duration Behavioral Health Specialist (BHS) I position for eighteen months.

The goals of the VBHPSS grant is focused on outreach, engaging and supporting veterans in accessing needed services and resources. DCHS VBHPSS program supports veterans in stabilizing housing, engaging in employment, increasing critical social connections, connecting to medical and mental health services, and supported veterans in navigating through various systems such as the VA and justice system. Our VBHPSS team works closely with our outpatient treatment teams in engaging veterans in mental health and co-occurring substance use treatment services.

DCHS seeks chair signature on FTE Resolution No. 2026-002, and Document No. 2026-0040 (OHA Intergovernmental Agreement #PO-44300-00054588), which awards DCHS \$500,000 of VBHPSS funding for the 18-month period November 1, 2025, to June 30, 2027. Funding from this grant will be used as follows:

- \$438,000 Personnel - to include a 1.0 full time equivalent (FTE) Veteran

Behavioral Health Peer Support Specialist (VBHPSS), a 0.05 FTE Peer Support Specialist Lead, a 0.15 FTE Clinical Supervisor, and a new 1.0 Veteran BHS I

- \$2,000 Training and Travel
- \$10,000 Client Stabilization
- \$50,000 Indirect

BUDGET IMPACTS:

\$500,000 revenue; \$213,000 for the period November 1, 2025, through June 30, 2026, and \$287,000 for fiscal year 2027.

ATTENDANCE:

Kristin Mozzochi, BH Program Manager

Camilla Sparks, Budget & Financial Planning Manager