

AGENDA REQUEST & STAFF REPORT

MEETING DATE: 9/29/21

SUBJECT: Grant Application Request

RECOMMENDED MOTION:

Move approval of the grant application request, submitting a grant to the Oregon DEQ in the amount of \$75,000.

BACKGROUND AND POLICY IMPLICATIONS:

Deschutes County and the City of Bend were the first to submit and have approved a Community Response Plan for Smoke. As a result of SB 762 the Oregon DEQ received funding that they are utilizing in part to fund a grant program to communities with approved Community Response Plans. Funding can be utilized by local governments for a wide variety of activities related to smoke and health impacts related to smoke, whether from wildfire or prescribed fire. DEQ is offering up to \$75,000 of grant funding for these efforts.

BUDGET IMPACTS:

\$75,000 will be provided through an agreement with DEQ, with an expectation of 10% matching funds.

ATTENDANCE:

Ed Keith, County Forester