



BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS

AGENDA REQUEST & STAFF REPORT

MEETING DATE: August 14, 2024

SUBJECT: Acceptance of a Community Capacity Building Grant from PacificSource

RECOMMENDED MOTION:

Move approval of Chair signature of Document No. 2024-702 accepting a Community Capacity Building Grant from PacificSource.

BACKGROUND AND POLICY IMPLICATIONS:

In May of 2024, the Board of County Commissioners gave approval for Deschutes County Health Services (DCHS) to apply for Oregon Health Authority's (OHA) Health Related Social Needs (HRSN) grant in the amount of \$686,947. DCHS has been awarded \$475,210 and is seeking Board approval to accept this funding.

As part of OHA's HRSN Initiative, the state was authorized to spend up to \$119 million for infrastructure funding, or what the state terms 'Community Capacity Building Funding.' This funding supports investments necessary to create robust, equitable networks of HRSN providers across the state, and build the necessary capabilities and capacity of community partners. Coordinated Care Organizations will administer the grant funding—for the Central Oregon Region, this is PacificSource Community Solutions,

Grant funding can be used for technology, development of business or operational practices, workforce development, outreach, education, and stakeholder convening. This grant will provide DCHS the opportunity to build infrastructure to screen, collect, and analyze data to understand our communities' HRSN needs, and establish formal pathways to refer individuals and families to Community Based Organizations to meet those needs. Infrastructure added with grant funds may also provide the opportunity to bill Medicaid for activities and services associated with addressing health related needs of enrolled DCHS clients.

In accordance with the amount of funding awarded, DCHS will scale back the original proposed work by reducing the number of tablets and data plans purchased and also reducing the number of staff supporting the project. The funding term is August 31, 2024, through July 31, 2027. The agreement will expire on December 31, 2028.

DCHS intends to use the funding as follows:

- \$318,871 to support personnel for 18-months as follows:
 - Clinical Information System Administrator, 1.0 existing, full-time equivalent (FTE). Duties will include standing up the systems/platforms, mapping process and workflows, implementing and stabilizing systems and processes, and training existing staff to carry out the work.
 - Project Manager, 0.1 FTE, existing, to support the project work.
- \$72,355 to purchase Tablets/Touch Screen Devices and data plans to administer screenings to individuals to identify needs.
- \$22,000 to make improvements to our Electronic Health Record system to streamline the work and better coordinate with outside organizations.
- \$61,984 (15%) to cover indirect expenses.

BUDGET IMPACTS:

\$475,210 revenue for the period August 31, 2024, through July 31, 2027. A budget resolution will follow the Board's approval of the grant acceptance.

ATTENDANCE:

Janice Garceau, Health Services Director

Nicole Lunetta, Supervisor, Health Services

Kacy Burgess, Clinical Information System Administrator