



BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS

AGENDA REQUEST & STAFF REPORT

MEETING DATE: September 24, 2025

SUBJECT: Amendment to a grant from the Oregon Health Authority for Behavioral Health Services through December 31, 2025

RECOMMENDED MOTION:

Move approval of Document No. 2025-768 amending a grant from the Oregon Health Authority for Behavioral Health Services through December 31, 2025.

BACKGROUND AND POLICY IMPLICATIONS:

Intergovernmental Agreement (IGA) PO-44300-00026008 was approved by the Board of County Commissioners in February of 2024. The IGA outlined the services, reporting requirements, and financing of Community Mental Health, Addiction Treatment, Recovery & Prevention, and Problem Gambling Services for Deschutes County for the period January 1, 2024, to June 30, 2025. Amendment #17 extends the terms of the IGA through December 31, 2025, and provides \$3,553,617 funding for behavioral health services for the six-month period of July 1, 2025, through December 31, 2025.

As the local Community Mental Health Program (CMHP), Deschutes County Health Services (DCHS) Behavioral Health helps County residents facing serious mental health and addiction issues. Priority populations include Oregon Health Plan members, uninsured County residents with nowhere else to turn, and people in crisis, who are often in unstable situations or are a danger to themselves or others. The department also coordinates services for County residents in care at the State Hospital or served through other agencies or facilities. These services assist people in need, alleviate community problems, promote client health and prevent more costly care and intervention.

This amendment is intended to extend the current County Financial Assistance Agreements for six months to allow time for each Local Mental Health Authority (LMHA), who operates a CMHP, to create a Local Plan and budget. The Local Plan will be directed by and responsive to the Behavioral Health needs of the community and consistent with the requirements identified in ORS 430.630. The Local Plan and Budget will be submitted by October 1, 2025, with OHA finalizing approval by December 31, 2025, to execute a New CFPA.

BUDGET IMPACTS: \$3,553,617 for the first half of fiscal year 2026. Based on the 2023-2025 State biennium awards, all service element (SE) funding is flat for the six-month term except for SE 25, Mobile Crisis Intervention. The SE 25 award of \$901,598 is 11% higher than the average six-month 2023-2025 award.

ATTENDANCE:

Holly Harris, Interim Health Services Director

Cheryl Smallman, Health Services Business Officer