



BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS

AGENDA REQUEST & STAFF REPORT

MEETING DATE: June 18, 2025

SUBJECT: Consideration of a Ground Lease with Mountain View Community Development for use of +/- 0.25-acres of County-owned property for Safe Parking at the Public Safety Campus

RECOMMENDED MOTION:

Move approval of Document No. 2025-582, a Ground Lease with Mountain View Community Development for use of +/- 0.25-acres of County-owned property for Safe Parking at the Public Safety Campus.

BACKGROUND AND POLICY IMPLICATIONS:

Mountain View Community Development (MVCD) is a community-centric nonprofit located in Bend and Redmond that specializes in strategic initiatives around houselessness. In collaboration with the Cities of Bend and Redmond, MVCD administers a Safe Parking program (Program) in both Cities that provides opportunities for those individuals and families (collectively, Participants) experiencing homelessness to access discreet parking in an authorized location within private property and outside of right-of-way.

Program Participants are selected through a screening and intake process and sign a comprehensive program agreement upon acceptance. Participants are limited to one vehicle and/or one trailer/recreational vehicle, and more recently the Program has expanded to include micro-shelters. The Program also provides portable restrooms and trash service, as well as case management to work with Participants to set goals, which includes transitioning into permanent housing.

Approximately 0.25-acres have been identified at the Public Safety Campus as a feasible location to establish Safe Parking. The location would provide space for up to 6 Participants, with the goal of offering micro-shelters.

Upon lease execution, it is anticipated that site improvements would include grading, gravel, fencing, installing security cameras, delivering micro-shelters, and establishing underground power. The Program is required to acquire all necessary permits and approvals from the City of Bend.

The in-kind lease will include an initial 12-month term, along with a 90-day termination clause that may be exercised by either party. Note that micro-shelters are constructed and installed temporarily in nature and may easily be removed upon lease termination. Within three months of the first Participant occupying space the Site, MVCD will return to provide the Board of County Commissioners with a Program update at a public meeting.

BUDGET IMPACTS:

None

ATTENDANCE:

Kristie Bollinger – Deschutes County Property Management

Rick Russell – Executive Director, Mountain View Community Development