



## BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS

# AGENDA REQUEST & STAFF REPORT

**MEETING DATE:** July 10, 2023

**SUBJECT:** Discussion of moving Coordinated Houseless Response Office to COIC

**RECOMMENDED MOTION:**

Support COIC to provide functional oversight over the Coordinated Houseless Response Office.

**BACKGROUND AND POLICY IMPLICATIONS:**

Since its inception, Deschutes County has been the host entity for the Coordinated Houseless Response Office (CHRO) and the two staff positions associated with the office. Recently, the CHRO Board of Directors (comprised of a Deschutes County commissioner and a city councilor from each of the four cities in Deschutes County) has been discussing the possibility of asking Central Oregon Intergovernmental Council (COIC) provide functional oversight over CHRO.

The CHRO Board has considered various options and sees the benefits of creating efficiencies in our regional houseless response systems by designating work to COIC as it will strategically align with the federally mandated and funded Continuum of Care, existing work with the Homeless Leadership Coalition, and COIC's Housing for All consortium work. As a designee, COIC's roles and responsibilities would entail orchestrating our regional efforts to:

- Lead the implementation of the strategic plan and support continuous improvement of the plan in order to achieve its mission;
- Align state, county, and city (funding) resources to achieve the plan's milestones (including sustainable funding for the CHRO office beyond the HB 4123 two year grant fund); and
- Support community partners in strengthening and streamlining service provision and affordable housing development and supports under a shared set of principles, priorities, and strategies.

Deschutes County would continue to be the grant recipient and will maintain its responsibility of managing the \$1 million fund and reporting to the state. Following are the minimum requirements of HB 4123 that would remain intact:

- County and Cities Intergovernmental Agreement (IGA)
- Oversight Board (CHRO Board of Directors) with representation of an elected official from the county and each participating city.

**BUDGET IMPACTS:**

If CHRO moved to COIC, Deschutes County would enter into an Intergovernmental Agreement (IGA) with COIC and use state grant funds from HB 4123 to pay for the services. If this move occurs, CHRO staff positions would transfer to COIC, although COIC may structure the office differently.

**ATTENDANCE:**

Nick Lelack, County Administrator

Erik Kropp, Deputy County Administrator