



BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS

AGENDA REQUEST AND STAFF REPORT

MEETING DATE: September 7, 2022

SUBJECT: Secure Rural Schools (SRS) allocation elections between Titles I, II and III

RECOMMENDED MOTION:

Motion for consideration: "I move to approve Resolution 2022-062".

BACKGROUND AND POLICY IMPLICATIONS:

With passage of the Bipartisan Infrastructure Law (PL 117-58), the Secure Rural Schools and Community Self-Determination Act (SRS) was extended for three additional funding cycles (2021, 2022 and 2023). Within the Law, counties also have the ability to allocate SRS payments between Title I (roads and schools), Title II (federal projects on federal land) and Title III (for county projects, Firewise Communities, etc) for FFY 22 and 23. Counties receiving in excess of \$350,000 have some minor flexibility to allocate funding within Title I-III, as follows.

Title I: 80 to 85% of funds

Title II: 13 to 20% of funds

Title III: 0 to 7%

Deschutes County has historically allocated 85% to Title I, 8% to Title II and 7% to Title III in an effort to maximize funding distributed directly to Deschutes County. Staff recommends the above allocation with Resolution 2022-062. This allocation (election by Board) will be reported to the State per federal instruction.

BUDGET IMPACTS:

The SRS allocation per the 85-8-7 split noted above calculates, approximately, as follows:

Title I: \$1,056,429 (\$792,322 to Road Fund per state statute 75-25 split, remaining to county school fund)

Title II: \$99,429 (Remains with USFS for projects on federal land)

Title III: \$87,000 (Deschutes County Natural Resources Program)

ATTENDANCE:

Chris Doty, Road Department