



BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS

AGENDA REQUEST & STAFF REPORT

MEETING DATE: September 7, 2022

SUBJECT: Consideration of COHC IMPACTS grant award acceptance

RECOMMENDED MOTION: (two motions)

- 1) Move approval of document #2022-748, a Central Oregon Health Council Impacts grant, and
- 2) Move approval of Board Signature of Order #2022-025, designating signing authority to Holly Harris.

BACKGROUND AND POLICY IMPLICATIONS:

Central Oregon Health Council (COHC) has awarded Deschutes County Health Services (DCHS) a \$250,000 IMPACTS grant to supplement the Oregon Criminal Justice Commission grant (CJC) and provide gap coverage. The grant period is from July 1, 2022 to June 30, 2024.

In 2019, the Oregon Legislature passed Senate Bill (SB) 973, which created the Improving People's Access to Community-Based Treatment, Supports, and Services (IMPACTS) Program. The IMPACTS Program was enacted in recognition of the shortage of comprehensive community supports and services for individuals with mental health or substance use disorders, leading to their involvement with the criminal justice system, hospitalizations, and institutional placements. The IMPACTS grant "target population" have one or more behavioral health disorders, and are booked into a jail an average of four or more times in a one-year period or are high utilizers of criminal justice resources, hospital or urgent healthcare resources, or institutional placements.

In June of 2020 the Deschutes County Stabilization Center (DCSC) opened. In October of 2020, with funding from a two-year Oregon Criminal Justice Commission (CJC) IMPACTS grant, the DCSC began 24/7 operations. The goal of the DCSC program is to prevent individuals from ever becoming part of the "target population." Much of the work done at DCSC is proactive and preventative in nature by allowing individuals 24/7 access to mental health services when they need it most, often helping them avoid the emergency department or a further decompensation.

With these awards Deschutes County Health Services will be able to continue 24/7 staffing at the Deschutes County Stabilization Center, and operate 24 hours a day, 7 days a week. This will allow us to continue to provide up to 23 consecutive hours of crisis observation, or stabilization, for individuals in crisis, in order to de-escalate the severity of the crisis. The 23 hour stabilization, combined with a full array of services, improves our ability to divert individuals in crisis from emergency departments and jail.

BUDGET IMPACTS:

\$250,000 Revenue. Funds from the COHC grant will be used to cover additional personnel expenses. Indirect charges are not allowed on these grant funds, but the Crisis Program is able to fund its indirect expenses through capitation payments. Grant funds are included in the Fiscal Year 2023 Health Services budget.

ATTENDANCE:

Holly Harris, Program Manager, Behavioral Health