AGENDA REQUEST & STAFF REPORT

MEETING DATE: February 25, 2026

SUBJECT: Request to extend a 0.8 limited duration FTE Community Health Specialist II position through June 30, 2027 using grant funding

RECOMMENDED MOTION:
Move approval to extend a 0.8 limited duration FTE Community Health Specialist II through June 30, 2027.

BACKGROUND AND POLICY IMPLICATIONS:
Deschutes County Health Services seeks approval to extend a 0.8 limited duration FTE Community Health Specialist II from September 30, 2026 to June 30, 2027.

This position was initially funded through a Centers for Disease Control (CDC) Drug Free Communities grant through September 30, 2025. In November of 2023, the BOCC approved acceptance of a Central Oregon Health Council (COHC) Opportunity grant to supplement the original grant and to extend this position through September 30, 2026.

Additionally, funding for this position is supplemented through the Oregon Health Authority's (OHA) Strategic Prevention Framework Partnership for Success (SPF-PFS) grant approved by the BOCC in May of 2025.

Health Services now seeks Board approval to extend this position through June 30, 2027. The position works specifically to:
1. Increase community collaboration – including engagement and coalition sustainability through the Shared Future Coalition.
2. Reduce youth substance use- including Information dissemination, education problem identification and referral, and environmental strategies.

The total estimated cost of the position in Fiscal Year 2027 is $115,329. If approved, the position would continue to be funded (0.6 FTE) through COHC Opportunity Grant and (0.2 FTE) through the anticipated continuance of the OHA SPF-PFS grant through FY 2027. Both grants require alignment with the Regional Health Improvement Plan to support substance misuse prevention efforts in Deschutes County.

BUDGET IMPACTS:
None. If approved, a resolution effecting the change will be bought forward.

ATTENDANCE:
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