



STAFF MEMORANDUM

DATE: March 28, 2022
TO: Board of Commissioners
FROM: Laura Skundrick, Administrative Analyst
RE: Special Project Support Grants

In 2022 Commissioners allocated a new category of Video Lottery Funding to support funding for project and organizations that align with their goals and objectives for the year, and other priorities. A total of \$60,000 was allocated, and three organizations were selected for funding at \$20,000 each: Deschutes Basin Water Collaborative, Deschutes Collaborative Forest Project, and Friends of the Children.

As a requirement of the awards, grantees provided mid-year status updates to the Board indicating how funds were used. Materials submitted for those updates are attached.

At the Board's request, staff is seeking direction on the future of Special Project Support Grants in preparation for the FY23 allocation process.

Options could include:

- 1. Continue funding FY22 grantees with Special Project Support Grants in FY23**
- 2. Identify new potential grantees for FY23 Special Project Support Grants**
- 3. Transition FY22 grantees into Service Partners**

Currently, Service Partners meet the following established criteria:

- **Mandated/sole source:** Operates program/service that County 1) would otherwise be statutorily obligated or 2) is essential to the community and not offered by another entity
- **County Initiative:** County led or was involved in the creation or development of the organization based on an identified need or gap in safety net service delivery system
- **County Impact:** Termination of the organization program or service would require the County to assume additional responsibilities.

4. Some combination of options 1, 2 and 3.

5. Do not continue funding Special Project Support Grants

Depending on the direction of the Board, staff can work with identified organizations to provide proposals for the Board's review at the FY23 allocation exercise scheduled to take place in April.