



## BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS

# AGENDA REQUEST & STAFF REPORT

**MEETING DATE:** April 12, 2023

**SUBJECT:** Consideration to apply for a Community Development Block Grant for Housing Rehabilitation

**RECOMMENDED MOTION:**

Move to authorize submittal of an application for a Community Development Block Grant from Business Oregon.

**BACKGROUND AND POLICY IMPLICATIONS:**

Business Oregon administers the state of Oregon's annual federal allocation of Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) funds for non-metropolitan cities and counties. The primary objective of the CDBG program is to develop livable urban communities for persons of low and moderate incomes by expanding economic opportunities and providing housing and suitable living environments.

Deschutes County is a non-entitlement entity and may access CDBG funds through this grant process. The cities of Bend and Redmond are urban/entitlement communities and receive funds directly from the US Department of Housing and Urban Development.

Housing Rehabilitation project funds can be used for health and safety and other structural repairs to low- and moderate-income homeowners. Eligible project types include roof repairs, well projects, painting, septic repairs/replacement, accessibility improvements, foundations, siding, etc. The maximum grant possible from CDBG for housing rehabilitation in this program is \$400,000.

Eligible applicants for housing rehab loans are limited to low- and moderate-income homeowners (must be owner occupied homes) in Crook, Deschutes and Jefferson counties, outside of the cities of Bend or Redmond. Low- and moderate-income is defined as 80% of AMI by county and household size.

Although funds are subgranted to NeighborImpact, Deschutes County will retain responsibility for compliance with program rules, regulations, etc. NeighborImpact is responsible for various grant administration activities to support the grant recipient local government, in addition to operator of the lending program. County roles would include:

- Holding two public hearings to take public comment – one prior to submission of the application, and a second prior to closeout;
- Completing certain required plans/policies;
- Submitting draw requests to Business Oregon and paying NI invoices; and
- Completing a fair housing activity prior to grant closeout.

**BUDGET IMPACTS:**

None

**ATTENDANCE:**

Stephanie Robinson, Administrative Analyst

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