



BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS

AGENDA REQUEST & STAFF REPORT

MEETING DATE: May 31, 2023

SUBJECT: Acceptance of Trauma Informed Response Training Grant

RECOMMENDED MOTION:

Move approval of Chair signature on Document No. 2023-511 to accept a Trauma Informed Response Training Grant from the Department of Justice.

BACKGROUND AND POLICY IMPLICATIONS:

The Department of Justice partnered with Trauma Informed Oregon to adapt its Fundamentals of Trauma Informed Care for first responders to facilitate understanding of people who have experienced trauma, and provide informed assistance to them. The grant funds would be used to provide training for law enforcement, prosecutors, probation departments, and advocates about the impacts of trauma.

Deschutes County Sheriff's Office, Bend Police, Redmond Police, Parole and Probation along with the District Attorney's Office and Victims Assistance will send representatives to Train the Trainer for Trauma Informed Care. This will create local experts within our agencies to help drive policy changes and self-care initiatives.

Along with the above funding, this grant will also bring a week-long training for first responders in interview techniques of persons who have experienced trauma. This technique is called Forensic Experiential Trauma Interviewing.

BUDGET IMPACTS:

Grant funding will provide nine community partners the opportunity to attend the week-long Train the Trainer session of Trauma Informed Response in Salem. The funding will cover per diem, training and travel for each representative. Funding also supports costs of bringing that training to our own teams with costs allocated for trainings to be provided here in Deschutes County.

Funding will also provide all costs of bringing the week long FETI training to Oregon.

ATTENDANCE:

Ashley Beatty- Victims Assistance Program Manager