

AGENDA REQUEST & STAFF REPORT

MEETING DATE: May 31, 2023

SUBJECT: Select eligible grantee for the 2023-25 Oregon Community Dispute Resolution

Grant Program

RECOMMENDED MOTION:

Move approval of Community Solutions as grantee for 2023-25 Oregon Community Dispute Resolution Grant Program.

BACKGROUND AND POLICY IMPLICATIONS:

Every two years, the University of Oregon School of Law's Oregon Office for Community Dispute Resolution (OOCDR) makes grants available to eligible applicants for the purpose of providing mediation services. Grant applications are solicited through a publicly advertised process coordinated by OOCDR in partnership with Oregon counties. The Deschutes County Board of Commissioners adopted Resolution 2023-016 on March 22, 2023 (attached) stating intent to participate and engage in the selection process.

Following adoption of the resolution, staff advertised the availability of funds and solicited applications. In response, the County and OOCDR received an application from Community Solutions, a local non-profit mediation, facilitation, and dispute resolution education provider. The OOCDR has determined that Community Solutions meets the criteria for an eligible grantee to receive funds. Therefore, upon receipt of notification from the Deschutes County Board of Commissioners, the OOCDR will directly enter into an agreement with Community Solutions for the 2023-25 biennium.

BUDGET IMPACTS:

None. The OOCDR will enter into a grant agreement with Community Solutions and disburse funds directly to the selected grantee.

ATTENDANCE:

Stephanie Robinson, Administrative Analyst