



May 3, 2023

Deschutes County Board of Commissioners
Re: 2023-2025 Grant Eligibility Notification
County(ies): Deschutes, Crook & Jefferson

Dear Stephanie Robinson,

The Oregon Office for Community Dispute Resolution (OOCDR) has completed its review of the applications submitted for your county to receive funding under ORS Chapter 36 and University of Oregon policy.

I am pleased to inform you that **Community Solutions of Central Oregon** is qualified as an eligible applicant to receive grant funds from this office. Grants are subject to authorization and appropriation of funding by the Oregon Legislative Assembly for the 2023-2025 biennium.

Next steps for your county: Please inform OOCDR which of the above organizations has been selected to receive grant funds to support community dispute resolution services in your county by no later than June 16, 2023.

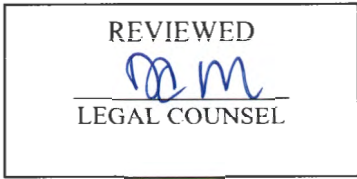
As soon as the legislature makes final funding determinations for this office, I will work with the School of Law Dean and University Contracting to finalize the grant award contracts with selected grant recipients as efficiently as possible.

Thank you, and your county colleagues, for participating in the selection process for community dispute resolution funds for your county.

Questions? Please ask!

Best,

Patrick Sponsler, MPA
OOCDR Administrator



For Recording Stamp Only

BEFORE THE BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS OF DESCHUTES COUNTY, OREGON

A Resolution in the Matter of Participation in Funding Activities of the Oregon Office for Community Dispute Resolution

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RESOLUTION NO. 2023-016

WHEREAS, the Deschutes County Board of Commissioners believes that the settlement of disputes by mediation may lead to more long-lasting and mutually satisfactory agreements; and

WHEREAS, mediation may reduce the need for time-consuming and costly litigation; and

WHEREAS, the Oregon Legislature has charged the University of Oregon on behalf of the University of Oregon School of Law (Grantor) with the responsibility to foster the development of community mediation programs by making grant monies available to participating Counties; and

WHEREAS, any County wishing to participate must formally notify Grantor of its intent to participate; now, therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS OF DESCHUTES COUNTY, OREGON, as follows:

Section 1. Deschutes County hereby notifies Grantor of its desire to be a participant in the expenditure of funds for community dispute resolution programs within Deschutes County and agrees to engage in a selection process and to select as funding recipients those entities both qualified by the standards and guidelines adopted by Grantor and capable of and willing to provide community dispute resolution services according to the rules adopted by Grantor.

Section 2. This resolution shall take effect upon its adoption by Deschutes County.

Dated this 22nd of March, 2023

BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS OF DESCHUTES COUNTY, OREGON

[Signature] ANTHONY DeBONE, Chair

[Signature] PATTI ADAIR, Vice Chair

[Signature] PHIL CHANG, Commissioner

ATTEST: [Signature] Recording Secretary



February 1, 2023

Deschutes County Board of Commissioners
1300 N.W. Wall Street, Suite 200
Bend, OR. 97701

Dear Anthony DeBone,

This is an invitation for your County to participate in the selection process for the **2023-2025 Community Dispute Resolution Program (CDRP) Grant Funds** pursuant to ORS 36.160.

Assuming funding for 2023-2025 is reauthorized by the 2023 Legislature at the same level as the prior biennium, grant funds for your county will be approximately \$45,907.00 for the period July 1, 2023 - June 30, 2025. The funding for these grants is currently derived from an appropriation from the general fund for the purpose of providing dispute resolution services in counties and will be allocated per University of Oregon policy I.034.02.

Below and attached the same email as this letter is all of the information necessary to proceed with the Request for Application (RFA) process.

The first step in the local selection process is the County's adoption of a resolution to participate. ORS 36.160 requires that a County notify the Oregon Office for Community Dispute Resolution (OOCDR) of its intent to participate in the selection process to award grant funds. A sample county resolution is provided in the enclosed RFA packet. Upon your County's adoption of the resolution, please send a copy to the OOCDR. Following is the timeline for the 2023-2025 grant process:

- March 31, 2023 County Commission adopts a resolution confirming its desire to participate in the process (sample attached).
- April 1, 2023 County advertises a notice of availability of grant funds and announces the application process (sample of notice included). The County and Grantor make RFA packet available to interested applicants.
- April 29, 2023 Applications must be **received** by 5:00 p.m. at the County's address and at Grantor's email address. Late applications may not be considered.
- May 19, 2023 Additional information requested by Dean due in at the County and the offices of Grantor.
- May 30, 2023 Grantor issues notices of eligibility to applicants and County.
- June 5, 2023 Any appeals from applicants determined ineligible by the Grantor must be **received** by 5:00 pm.

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June 16, 2023 County Commission selects grantee(s) and notifies Grantor of selection.

June 30, 2023 Grantor enters into Grant Agreement with the grantee(s).

According to University of Oregon policy, each County Commission needs to designate a County dispute resolution program coordinator. OOCDR staff provides technical assistance and advice to this County staff person to make sure the process runs as smoothly as possible. If you have received this letter and are not the County's dispute resolution program coordinator, please forward these materials to the proper person.

OOCDR encourages collaboration in all phases of the grantee selection process. In some Counties there will be only one interested and qualified applicant. However, if your County receives applications from more than one qualified applicant, we encourage you to have conversations with all applicants to determine whether there are ways for them to work together to best provide dispute resolution services in your County.

You may elect to opt out of the selection process if you desire. In that case, the Dean of the University of Oregon School of Law will assume the county's role in the process. If this is your choice, please provide OOCDR with a written notice to opt out by March 31, 2023.

Questions? Please ask! Thank you in advance for your support.

Best,

A handwritten signature in dark ink that reads "Patrick Sponsler".

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OOCDR Administrator