



BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS

AGENDA REQUEST & STAFF REPORT

MEETING DATE: May 4, 2022

SUBJECT: Request approval to apply for Phase 2 of Oregon Health Authority HIV Early Intervention Services & Outreach grant

RECOMMENDED MOTION: Move approval to apply for Oregon Health Authority HIV Early Intervention Services & Outreach grant

BACKGROUND AND POLICY IMPLICATIONS:

The Early Intervention and Outreach Services (EISO) is a five-year grant program within Deschutes County Public Health, funded through the Oregon Health Authority (OHA). The program supports STD/HIV disease intervention services, increased STD/HIV testing, health literacy/education, prevention activities and access and linkage to care in the tri-county area. The current program operates on a calendar-year (CY) basis and funding from OHA runs through December 31, 2022.

Phase 1 funding through EISO has allowed the STD/HIV programs to have a comprehensive response to the STD/HIV cases in Deschutes County. We have a strong disease investigation team who are able to make sure cases and contacts are tested and treated, which is key to keeping Deschutes County STD rates lower than the state average. The grant has allowed for increased collaboration with providers and community organizations as well as, Crook County, Jefferson County and the Confederated Tribes of Warm Springs. Increasing our focus on STD/HIV epidemiology will inform outreach and prevention as we move into Phase 2.

OHA is making funding available for another five year term. Phase 2 will run from January 1, 2023 through June 30, 2028. DCHS will request \$2,479,399.45 to support the continuation of the Deschutes County Public Health's EISO program. The Fiscal Year Analysis, attached, shows the long-term funding summary over six fiscal years.

BUDGET IMPACTS:

\$2,479,399.45 revenue for the period January 1, 2023 through June 30, 2028.

ATTENDANCE:

Rita Bacho, Program Manager, Public Health

Kathy Christenson, Health Services Supervisor, Advancement and Protections

Amber Knapp, Public Health Nurse, Advancement and Protections

Charlotte Jones, Public Health Nurse, Advancement and Protections

Vinny Cancelliere, EISO Coordinator, Advancement and Protections