



BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS

AGENDA REQUEST & STAFF REPORT

MEETING DATE: August 9, 2023

SUBJECT: Oregon Department of Energy Community Renewable Energy Grant Award
Acceptance

RECOMMENDED MOTIONS:

Move to accept the grant award and authorize the County Administrator to sign Document No. 2023-756, a grant performance agreement with the Oregon Department of Energy.

BACKGROUND AND POLICY IMPLICATIONS:

In 2021, the Oregon Legislature created the Community Renewable Energy Grant Program to support projects outside Portland city limits. The program has a total budget of \$50 million.

Deschutes County was selected to receive a planning grant award in the amount of \$100,000 for a community energy planning project located at the County Fair & Expo Center. The planning grant will support a project to install a solar PV grid-tied system with onsite energy storage. The system will provide power to a proposed development of a water well site, potable water filtration system, water storage system, emergency water fill stations, and electric vehicle charging stations.

BUDGET IMPACTS:

\$100,000 in revenue.

ATTENDANCE:

Lee Randall, Facilities Director
Jen Patterson, Strategic Initiatives Manager