



BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS

AGENDA REQUEST & STAFF REPORT

MEETING DATE: May 29, 2024

SUBJECT: Updated Oregon Health Authority grant #177672

RECOMMENDED MOTION:

Move approval of Chair signature of Document No. 2024-400 to amend an agreement accepting grant funding from the Oregon Health Authority for behavioral health housing.

BACKGROUND AND POLICY IMPLICATIONS:

The Board of County Commissioners approved Oregon Health Authority (OHA) intergovernmental agreement (IGA) #177672 in October of 2022. The original IGA #177672 provided \$3,901,470.64 of funding to Deschutes County Health Services (DCHS) for increasing behavioral health housing and was effective through April 1, 2024. The updated IGA #177672 extends the term of the grant to December 31, 2042, and includes an updated budget.

Deschutes County Behavioral Health, along with twenty-seven diverse regional entities, participated in the 2021 Behavioral Health Housing and Residential Treatment Planning Grant for the Central Oregon region. Planning partners demonstrated significant alignment around addressing the service needs of adults and youth with co-occurring behavioral health and substance use diagnoses, providing culturally and linguistically appropriate services, and equitable allocation of treatment beds, both demographically and geographically. Specifically called out in the plan was the need to build a secure residential treatment facility for adults and residential housing for youth and children to address the critical shortages.

Oregon State Legislature appropriated \$100,000,000 to be distributed to community mental health programs (CMHP) for the purpose of increasing behavioral health housing. The goals of this funding are to provide an array of supported housing and residential treatment, relieve bottlenecks in the continuum of care, and address health inequities and housing access disparities, among others.

DCHS originally intended to pass through \$3,000,000 of funding to BestCare, as matching funds, to support application for an OHA Secure Residential Treatment Facility (STRF) in Redmond. BestCare was unable to follow through with the proposed project, so funding is being repurposed as follows:

\$2,850,000 to repurpose or build two new Adult Foster Homes (AFH). One AFH would be specific to co-occurring Intellectual or Developmental Disability (IDD)/Mental Health (MH)

and the other a traditional MH AFH. This will add capacity of approximately 9-10 beds. Additionally, we plan to contract with a Peer organization to provide afterhours/weekend support to our existing AFH to support residents in keeping their existing placements. So far, we have obligated \$131,400 of the \$850,000 to the Loft for youth shelter beds. The remaining \$718,600 will be utilized to support youth shelter and/or residential capacity. \$150,000 will be used in planning, siting, coordination and consulting services to obtain land and develop the AFHs.

\$51,470.64 of funding will be used for operational and administrative costs for developing the RFP, contracting, reporting, and oversight to manage housing. DCHS will primarily serve as a pass-thru entity, and as such, the budget on these funds will be excluded from County and department indirect allocation.

BUDGET IMPACTS:

\$3,901,470.64 revenue through December 31, 2042

ATTENDANCE:

Holly Harris, Director Behavioral Health