



BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS

AGENDA REQUEST & STAFF REPORT

MEETING DATE: May 29, 2024

SUBJECT: SB 5525 funding to support a Secure Residential Treatment Facility

RECOMMENDED MOTION:

Move approval to accept Oregon Health Authority Senate Bill 5525 funding.

BACKGROUND AND POLICY IMPLICATIONS:

During the 2023 legislative session, Oregon Health Authority (OHA) was directed to provide additional financial support to community mental health programs for civil commitment services. These one-time funds were allocated in Senate Bill (SB) 5525 and are in addition to funds initially contracted via Intergovernmental Agreement (IGA) #PO-4300-00026008, the main agreement providing funding to support Deschutes County's Community Behavioral Health programs for the period January 1, 2024, through June 30, 2025.

DCHS is seeking approval to accept SB 5525 funding in the amount of \$2 million. OHA has agreed to provide this funding to Deschutes County Health Services (DCHS) to be used to complete construction on a Class 1 Secure Residential Treatment Facility (SRTF) for which DCCHS will partner with a private entity to build. Funds will be provided to DCCHS via Service Element 24, through an amendment to the above-referenced IGA. Funding will be available for the term July 1, 2024, through June 30, 2025. DCCHS plans to pass the funding through in a public-private partnership to support building and operating a 16-bed SRTF in Redmond.

The proposed Redmond facility will serve individuals civilly committed due to mental illness. In partnership with DCCHS, the facility will serve adults ages 18-64 who need a subacute level of care while receiving treatment for their mental health diagnosis. This facility is intended to provide services to residents who may need significant clinical intervention, including seclusion, restraint, or involuntary emergency medication. The facility will employ a nonviolent, trauma-informed approach to these interventions giving significant attention to building a culture of power awareness, respect, and hope. Care will be rooted in evidence-based practices provided by caring, trained mental health professionals. Treatment will be personalized, with options including psychotherapy, psychiatry, and life skills training. In addition to clinical services, residential services such as community outings, medical case management, transportation, shopping, exercise, and outdoor recreation will be provided several times per week.

BUDGET IMPACTS:

\$2,000,000 revenue to be passed through via a grant awarded to a private entity.

ATTENDANCE:

Holly Harris, Behavioral Health Director