



BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS

AGENDA REQUEST & STAFF REPORT

MEETING DATE: November 28, 2022

SUBJECT: Request approval to accept Oregon Health Authority grant funding and authorization to convert two limited duration FTEs to regular for the Public Health Early Intervention Services and Outreach Program

RECOMMENDED MOTIONS:

- 1) Move approval to accept Oregon Health Authority's Early Intervention Services and Outreach funding.
- 2) Move approval of Resolution No. 2022-075 to convert 2.0 limited duration FTEs to regular FTE positions within the Health Services Fund.

BACKGROUND AND POLICY IMPLICATIONS:

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

OHA has awarded Deschutes County Health Services \$1,900,000 for the term January 1, 2023 through June 30, 2027. These funds will support the continuation of the Deschutes County Public Health's EISO program. OHA is intending to convert the program to Program Element (PE) 73. The award letter is attached. The intergovernmental agreement will be forthcoming.

On the assurance of funding from OHA, Health Services is requesting approval to accept the funding and convert two current limited duration FTE positions to regular FTE positions effective January 1, 2023. EISO funding will cover 0.7 FTE of the Community Health Specialist II position and 0.8 of the Public Health Nurse II. (The remainder of these positions are paid through PE 07 (HIV) and PE 01 (Communicable Disease), respectively.) Health Services is recommending that these positions be regular instead of limited duration because EISO funding will be converting to an ongoing program Element, PE 73. However, should funding no longer support the increase in the position, DCHS will consider the future of these positions within the budgeting process.

BUDGET IMPACTS: Revenue of \$1,900,000 from January 1, 2023 through June 30, 2027. The estimated cost for six months of a 1.00 Community Health Specialist II position and a

1.00 Public Health Nurse II position is \$54,300 and \$48,300, respectively. No additional appropriation is necessary in the Health Services Fund.

ATTENDANCE:

Rita Bacho, Program Manager, Public Health Advancement and Protection

Kathy Christensen, Health Services Supervisor, Advancement and Protections

Dan Emerson, Budget Manager