



BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS

AGENDA REQUEST & STAFF REPORT

MEETING DATE: June 7, 2023

SUBJECT: Extension of a limited duration position for a project manager to work with houseless individuals

RECOMMENDED MOTION:

Move approval of Resolution No. 2023-037 to extend a 1.0 limited duration Health Services full-time employee through June 30, 2024.

BACKGROUND AND POLICY IMPLICATIONS:

Health Services has a limited duration Management Analyst position assigned to the COVID Response and Recovery Program (position #2836). The position was scheduled to end on March 31, 2023. On March 22, 2023, the Board approved extending the position through June 30, 2023 with funding from the American Rescue Plan Act (ARPA). The purpose of extending the position was to have the position coordinate the work associated with the County's DSL land exchange and to work to minimize the impact of camp closures to people who are houseless.

Toward this effort, the position has worked with the Redmond service providers, Coordinated Houseless Response Office (CHRO), and Health Services Department's Homeless Outreach Support Team (HOST) on the DSL land exchange. Staff recommends extending the limited duration position to continue the work related to the DSL land exchange. In addition, the position would work with the Health Services Department, the CHRO, Emergency Management, and the Homeless Leadership Coalition on assisting with responses to emergencies that impact people who are houseless. This may include coordinating support for people who are houseless and impacted by camp closures, heat events, wildfires, smoke from wildfires or controlled burns, cold weather, and COVID-19 or other outbreaks.

The cost to extend the limited duration position for one year is estimated at \$120,000. Staff recommends funding this extension with the following sources:

- \$30,000 (25%) from OHA COVID Funds (PEO01-09).
- \$30,000 (25%) reallocated from ARPA 1.9 funds (COVID unit) that are available due to a vacancy.

- \$60,000 (50%) from FY 2023 ARPA contingency.

BUDGET IMPACTS:

If approved, the Board would reallocate \$30,000 in vacancy savings from the COVID Unit Team to this position and allocate an additional \$60,000 in ARPA public health contingency, decreasing the contingency from \$1,335,776 to \$1,275,776. However, if the Board does not support the use of ARPA contingency for this request or would like to change it, the resolution can be altered or not approved.

ATTENDANCE:

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Janice Garceau, Health Services Director
Laura Skundrick, ARPA