



BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS

AGENDA REQUEST & STAFF REPORT

MEETING DATE: January 3, 2024

SUBJECT: Reallocation of grant funds to Bend Heroes Foundation for Veterans Village

RECOMMENDED MOTION:

Move approval of Chair signature of an amendment to the Memorandum of Understanding with Bend Heroes Foundation and Central Oregon Veterans Outreach to reallocate \$53,000 in grant funds towards the community building remodel project at Veterans Village

BACKGROUND AND POLICY IMPLICATIONS:

In November 2023, the Board of County Commissioners approved providing a general fund grant to Bend Heroes Foundation (BHF) associated with expanding the number of shelter units at Veterans Village by seven, for a new total of 22 units.

The funding included up to \$55,000 in system development charges (SDCs) imposed by the City of Bend, up to \$53,000 in SDCs imposed by Bend Parks and Recreation District (District), and up to \$100,000 in costs associated with the site preparation, construction and finishes for the seven new shelter units. In Amendment No. 3 to the Memorandum of Understanding which memorialized the additional grant funding, BHF agreed to reimburse the County if the District waived SDCs. Subsequently, the District has waived the \$53,000 and BHF now requests reallocation of \$53,000 to the community building remodel project rather than repayment to the County.

In addition to the seven new shelter units, BHF is also completing a community building remodel project to expand the kitchen, restrooms/showers, and washer/dryer facilities. The estimated cost to expand these services is approximately \$73,000, and at this time it is unknown whether power will also need to be increased to support additional appliances, etc. Due to the estimated costs for the remodel project, BHF is requesting approval to reallocate the \$53,000 for the community building remodel project.

To date, the total grant funding awarded to BHF for the development of Veterans Village is \$458,000.

BUDGET IMPACTS:

Reallocation of general fund grant of \$53,000 from Bend Parks and Recreation District for system development charges to costs associated with the community building remodel

project.

ATTENDANCE:

Kristie Bollinger, Property Manager

Erik Tobiason, Bend Heroes Foundation