



## BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS

# AGENDA REQUEST & STAFF REPORT

**MEETING DATE:** February 7, 2024

**SUBJECT:** Grant application to the Office of Developmental Disabilities Services for an ARPA Emergency Response grant

**RECOMMENDED MOTION:**

Move to authorize the submittal of an application for an APRA Emergency Response grant from the State's Office of Developmental Disabilities Services.

**BACKGROUND AND POLICY IMPLICATIONS:**

The Oregon Department of Human Services' Office of Developmental Disabilities Services (DHS-ODDS) is making one-time American Rescue Plan Act (ARPA) funding available to case management entities to help clients prepare for future emergency situations. Deschutes County Health Services (DCHS) is seeking Board approval to apply for \$249,002 of funding. The term of the funding is through February 2025.

Individuals and families of people with intellectual or developmental disabilities (IDD) have needs related to the individual's disability that require special planning in order to be prepared for emergencies. There are equipment and supply needs specific to each person, based on aspects of their disability. DCHS's IDD program addresses emergency preparedness and safety planning in Individual Support Plans (ISPs), but often individuals and families lack the resources to be able to purchase the needed supplies or equipment.

If awarded, DCHS would use \$226,365 of the funding to provide needed materials and supplies to the IDD population. Ten percent (\$22,637) of the grant amount would be used to cover indirect costs. This grant would enable IDD to assist our client in increasing preparedness and independence and decreasing reliance on first responders or other professional personnel during emergency situations.

**BUDGET IMPACTS:**

\$249,002 revenue.

**ATTENDANCE:**

Paul Partridge, Manager, BH Program