



## BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS

# AGENDA REQUEST & STAFF REPORT

**MEETING DATE:** December 6, 2021

**SUBJECT:** Discussion of Joint Office on Homelessness – Formal Letter of Interest

**RECOMMENDED MOTION:** N/A

### **BACKGROUND AND POLICY IMPLICATIONS:**

Working with Representative Jason Kropf, Deschutes County and the City of Bend have been in discussions about creating a Joint Homelessness Office. Representative Jason Kropf is drafting legislation to fund five pilot city/county coordinated offices with \$1 million for two-years for each community (see attached document: “City/County Homeless Coordination Pilot”).

In order to narrow down the local jurisdictions that are ready and able to fully commit to the draft pilot concept, interested communities are required to submit a formal letter of interest to the Association of Oregon Counties and League of Oregon Cities no later than December 10, 2021 (see attached letter from AOC/LOC).

The letter should include the following: confirmation of interest and short and long-term commitment; confirmation that the partners will seek out or provide funding after the first two years of state funding; commitment to the draft framework of the bill (see attached document “City/County Homeless Coordination Pilot”); and a description of current coordination efforts and how a coordinated office would strengthen these efforts.

Staff will seek Board direction on submitting a formal letter of interest.

**BUDGET IMPACTS:** TBD

### **ATTENDANCE:**

Erik Kropp, Deputy County Administrator  
Molly Wells Darling, Health Services Program Manager