



BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS

AGENDA REQUEST & STAFF REPORT

MEETING DATE: November 21, 2022

SUBJECT: Request for authorization to add 1.0 FTE within Health Services

RECOMMENDED MOTION:

Move approval of Resolution No. 2022-073 to add 1.0 regular FTE Community Health Specialist II position within the Health Services Fund, effective January 1, 2023.

BACKGROUND AND POLICY IMPLICATIONS:

Deschutes County is receiving new and additional resources from Oregon Health Authority (OHA) through the Healthy Systems Division Problem Gambling Services Section. The additional resources are for two components within Problem Gambling Services—Prevention, and Outreach and Referral.

Recent changes at OHA allow for a substantial increase to Deschutes County Health Services (DCHS) baseline allocation for the Prevention component from \$82,000 to \$204,466. This will be a recurring allocation.

The Outreach and Referral component is new to Deschutes County. Current OHA Problem Gambling Services recipients are able to request funding for Outreach and Referral annually. The allocation to Deschutes County for calendar year 2023 is \$92,000. These resources will have to be applied for every year.

Both allocations include a 15 percent inflation increase above DCHS' requested amounts, \$26,670 and \$12,000 respectively. The 15 percent is allocated by OHA in one lump sum at the beginning of the contract period.

The cumulative allocations allow the Department to support 1.0 FTE as well as additional materials and services for program activities. These efforts will essentially double the current Prevention service levels, develop Outreach and Referral services, and allow for important integration into suicide prevention programming, specifically to the Veteran and older adult populations of Deschutes County.

On the assurance of recurring funding from OHA to support a 1.0 regular FTE, Health Services is requesting approval to add 1.0 FTE regular Community Health Specialist II, January 1, 2023. Should funding no longer support the position, DCHS will consider the

future of this position within the budgeting process.

BUDGET IMPACTS:

The estimated cost for 12 months of a 1.0 FTE Community Health Specialist II is \$158,523. A budget resolution will be forthcoming once the intergovernmental agreement for Problem Gambling Services funding is received.

ATTENDANCE:

Jessica Jacks, Prevention and Health Promotion Program Manager
Dan Emerson, Budget Manager