



## BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS

# AGENDA REQUEST & STAFF REPORT

**MEETING DATE:** March 11, 2026

**SUBJECT:** Authorization to apply for Community Project Funding appropriations for renovations to the South County Health Services Building

**RECOMMENDED MOTION:**

Move to authorize Health Services to apply for and accept, if awarded, Community Project Funding appropriations for renovations to the South County Health Services building.

Note: This funding request was due on March 5, 2026. Given the short timeline, DCHS submitted the request before the deadline; however, if BOCC authorization is not obtained, DCHS will withdraw the request.

**BACKGROUND AND POLICY IMPLICATIONS:**

Deschutes County Health Services (DCHS) is requesting approval to apply for and accept, if awarded, Community Project Funding (CPF) to help fund renovation of the South County (SoCo) Health Services building in La Pine. CPF, also known as Community-initiated Projects (CIPs) or earmarks, is appropriated funding targeted at specific, localized projects. Requests for CPF funding has been made available through the OR-05 Congressional District Office.

The need for renovation of the SoCo building is driven by outdated infrastructure that fails to meet modern standards of care and legal requirements. Currently, major ADA compliance issues hinder access for individuals with disabilities, while an inefficient layout regularly compromises client privacy. This is a critical concern when dealing with sensitive behavioral health and juvenile services. Furthermore, the current configuration does not maximize the available square footage, leaving much of the building underutilized or poorly organized.

Reconfiguring the interior will directly increase service capacity, allowing staff to assist a higher volume of clients within the same footprint. Expanding the Deschutes County Intensive Substance Use Disorder (SUD) Outpatient Program directly addresses the rural opioid and substance use crisis, reducing the burden on local emergency rooms and law enforcement. Optimizing the workspace for staff increases operational efficiency, ensuring that more public funds go toward direct client care rather than administrative overhead.

This renovation secures a high-functioning permanent resource for La Pine, ensuring that South County residents receive the same dignity, privacy, and quality of care as those in any other part of the county.

Total renovation costs are estimated at \$1.8 million. DCHS requests approval to apply for, and if approved, accept \$1,339,000 of CPF appropriations. DCHS received confirmation on February 27 that the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services will have funding available for Capital Improvement Projects.

**BUDGET IMPACTS:**

Potentially up to \$1,339,000 in revenue.

**ATTENDANCE:**

Shannon Brister, Behavioral Health Director