



## BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS

# AGENDA REQUEST AND STAFF REPORT

**MEETING DATE:** July 12, 2023

**SUBJECT:** Secure Rural Schools federal funding allocation determinations

**RECOMMENDED MOTION:**

Move approval of Resolution No. 2023-042, electing specific allocations for Secure Rural Schools federal funding.

**BACKGROUND AND POLICY IMPLICATIONS:**

With passage of the Bipartisan Infrastructure Law (PL 117-58), the Secure Rural Schools and Community Self-Determination Act (SRS) was extended through federal fiscal year 2023. Within the law, counties have the ability to allocate SRS payments between Title I (roads and schools), Title II (federal projects on federal land) and Title III (for county projects, Firewise Communities, etc.) for FFY 23. Counties receiving in excess of \$350,000 have some minor flexibility to allocate funding within Title I-III, as follows:

Title I: 80 to 85% of funds (Roads and Local Schools)

Title II: 8 to 13% of funds (federal projects on federal land)

Title III: 0 to 7% (county resource projects)

Deschutes County has historically allocated 85% to Title I, 8% to Title II and 7% to Title III in an effort to maximize funding distributed directly to Deschutes County. In 2022, the Board allocated 83% to Title I, 10% to Title II and 7% to Title III with the hope of providing additional Title II resources to be made available to fund grants to assist with litter cleanup efforts in select national forest areas (i.e., China Hat Road).

Staff is requesting a return to prior funding allocation percentages of 85% to Title I, 8% to Title II and 7% to Title III for FFY 2023. The allocation (election by Board) will be reported to the State per federal instruction upon passage of Resolution 2023-042.

**BUDGET IMPACTS:**

The SRS allocation per the 85-8-7 split noted above calculates, approximately, as follows:

Title I: \$1,056,429 (\$792,322 to Road Fund per state statute 75-25 split, remaining to county school fund)

Title II: \$99,429 (Remains with USFS for projects on federal land)

Title III: \$87,000 (Deschutes County Natural Resources Program)

**ATTENDANCE:**

Chris Doty, Road Department