



BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS

AGENDA REQUEST & STAFF REPORT

MEETING DATE: July 12, 2023

SUBJECT: Extension of the agreement with the Heart of Oregon Corps for youth work crews to assist the Solid Waste Department

RECOMMENDED MOTION:

Move approval of Board signature of Document No. 2023-655, amending the agreement with The Heart of Oregon Corps for FY24.

BACKGROUND AND POLICY IMPLICATIONS:

The Department of Solid Waste has had a longstanding relationship with the Heart of Oregon Corps, a non-profit group that works with at-risk youth to provide litter pick up and other maintenance services for the department. They have the ability to provide youth work crews on short notice for various needs for the department, often giving our requests priority over other projects they may be working on. The services that the Heart of Oregon provides are a vital component of our operations and their work furthers our reputation for well-run facilities, allowing us to be very proactive in areas that are typically difficult to address.

In April, 2019, the Solid Waste Department solicited proposals for furnishing litter clean-up and site maintenance services for the County's solid waste facilities. A single proposal was received from the Heart of Oregon Corps. The agreement was issued as a one-year contract with the option for annual renewal, subject to mutual agreement between the County and the Heart of Oregon Corps. This amendment extends the agreement for FY24. The hourly rates in the agreement have increased 13% for crew supervisors and 17% for youth laborers over FY23. These increases are primarily attributed to minimum wage increases, labor market competition challenges and steadily rising fuel and overall program costs.

The agreement stipulates hourly rates for crew supervisors and youth laborers, which include ancillary costs such as fuel, transportation and supplies. The value of the agreement for FY24 is \$235,000, which also includes support services for the annual Fire Free program. The actual amount paid under the agreement will vary, depending on Department needs and the hours crews are working for Solid Waste.

BUDGET IMPACTS:

Funds have been budgeted the FY24 Solid Waste Department budget for these services.

ATTENDANCE:

Tim Brownell, Incoming Director of Solid Waste