



## BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS

# AGENDA REQUEST & STAFF REPORT

**MEETING DATE:** February 28, 2024

**SUBJECT:** Central Oregon Veterans Outreach Application for Property Tax Exemption

**RECOMMENDED MOTION:**

Move to support the application from Central Oregon Veterans Outreach which seeks a nonprofit property tax exemption for properties it owns in the City of Bend.

**BACKGROUND AND POLICY IMPLICATIONS:**

Central Oregon Veterans Outreach (COVO) provides food, clothing, case management and assistance, temporary shelter and very low-income permanent housing to households which are experiencing homelessness or at imminent risk of losing housing.

In accordance with the City of Bend's enactment of State law (ORS 307.540 – 307.548), eight tax lots owned by COVO in Bend are eligible for a nonprofit property tax exemption. All eight properties are deed-restricted for low-income rental housing for veterans and their families. Seven of the lots support 16 individual housing units, and one vacant lot is reserved for future low-income housing.

**BUDGET IMPACTS:**

If the property tax exemptions are approved for these eight lots, the current annual financial impact to Deschutes County is estimated at \$7,792.24.

**ATTENDANCE:**

J.W. Terry, COVO Executive Director

Les Bivens, President, COVO Board of Directors

Kerry Bell, Middle-Income Housing Coordinator, City of Bend