



BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS

AGENDA REQUEST & STAFF REPORT

MEETING DATE: February 28, 2024

SUBJECT: ODDS ARPA Emergency Response grant acceptance

RECOMMENDED MOTION:

Move approval of Chair signature of Document No. 2024-174, accepting an Emergency Response grant from the State of Oregon Office of Developmental Disabilities Services.

BACKGROUND AND POLICY IMPLICATIONS:

The Oregon Department of Human Services' Office of Developmental Disabilities Services (DHS-ODDS) has awarded Deschutes County Health Services \$249,002 in one-time American Rescue Plan Act (ARPA) funding to help clients prepare for future emergency situations. DCHS is seeking Board approval to accept this funding.

Individuals and families of people with intellectual or developmental disabilities (IDD) have needs related to the individual's disability that require special planning in order to be prepared for emergencies. There are equipment and supply needs specific to each person, based on aspects of their disability. DCHS's IDD program addresses emergency preparedness and safety planning in Individual Support Plans, but often individuals and families lack the resources to be able to purchase the needed supplies or equipment.

If approved, \$226,365 of funding will be used to provide needed materials and supplies to the IDD population with \$22,637 (10%) used to cover indirect costs. \$62,251 of funding will be budgeted for use in fiscal year (FY) 2024, with \$186,752 budgeted in FY 2025. With this funding, IDD will be able to assist its clients in increasing preparedness and independence and decreasing reliance on first responders or other professionals during emergency situations.

BUDGET IMPACTS:

A Budget resolution to recognize Miscellaneous State revenue and increase appropriations by \$62,251 will be forthcoming on March 18th.

ATTENDANCE:

Paul Partridge, Manager, BH Program