



## BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS

# AGENDA REQUEST & STAFF REPORT

**MEETING DATE:** December 2, 2024

**SUBJECT:** Oregon State Fire Marshal Community Wildfire Risk Reduction Grant

**RECOMMENDED MOTION:**

Move approval to accept grant funding from the Oregon Department of the State Fire Marshal for Community Wildfire Risk Reduction efforts, and authorize the County Administrator to sign Document No. 2024-902 accepting the grant.

**BACKGROUND AND POLICY IMPLICATIONS:**

This past July, the Deschutes County Natural Resources Department in coordination with Emergency Management applied for a Community Wildfire Risk Reduction Grant through the Oregon Department of the State Fire Marshal.

The original proposal was not accepted because the project was close to homeless encampments and was not eligible as part of the grant criteria. OSFM subsequently allowed the County to pivot the project to areas that were not close to homeless encampments while still providing community protection. Given the option, a new application was submitted to implement a shaded fuel break on City of Bend property—this application was successful in receiving grant funding.

A 3.5 mile, 200-foot shaded fuel break will be established on approximately 50 acres through the reduction of ladder fuels and small trees on the east side of the Juniper Ridge area on property owned by the City of Bend (see map). This project will help protect surrounding communities such as like JD Estates and communities to the east of Juniper Ridge.

**BUDGET IMPACTS:**

The amount awarded is \$75,000, of which \$67,500 will be used for contracted services. The remaining \$7,500 would be used for administrative costs for administering the contracts.

**ATTENDANCE:**

Kevin Moriarty, County Forester

**Estimated time needed for item (presentation/questions/discussion/action):** 15 min