



## BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS

# AGENDA REQUEST & STAFF REPORT

**MEETING DATE:** January 26, 2022

**SUBJECT:** Approval to Accept Oregon Health Authority (OHA) Crisis Workforce Funding

**RECOMMENDED MOTION:**

Move approval to accept OHA Crisis Retention and Hiring Bonus Program Funds.

**BACKGROUND AND POLICY IMPLICATIONS:**

On December 13, 2021, Oregon Health Authority (OHA) informed Deschutes County Health Services (DCHS) of the opportunity to request reimbursement for paid Crisis signing and retention payments through OHA's Behavioral Health Residential Workforce Stability Funding. The application, due on December 16<sup>th</sup>, was approved by OHA and awarded Deschutes County \$46,000 for funds distributed to its Crisis workforce. Health Services requests approval to accept these funds.

DCHS will provide approximately \$140,000 in retention and hiring bonuses for critical Crisis Program staff as approved by the Board. DCHS applied dollars provided by the Central Oregon Health Council and made available through suspension of 2020 Quality Incentive Metric withholds in order to help communities respond to the impact of the COVID 19 pandemic. The OHA distribution will reimburse that fund, which will continue to ensure DCHS – Behavioral Health capacity to recover from pandemic impacts.

**BUDGET IMPACTS:**

\$46,000 OHA Funds Distribution

**ATTENDANCE:**

Janice Garceau, Behavioral Health Director