



BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS

AGENDA REQUEST & STAFF REPORT

MEETING DATE: December 1, 2021

SUBJECT: Acceptance of DEQ grant for Community Response Plan for smoke

RECOMMENDED MOTION:

Move approval of County Administrator signature on Document number 2021-943, acceptance of the Smoke Management Community Response Plan Implementation Grant Agreement from the Oregon Department of Environmental Quality.

BACKGROUND AND POLICY IMPLICATIONS:

On September 29, 2021 the Board approved submission of a grant application to the Department of Environmental Quality for their Smoke Management Community Response Plan (CRP) Implementation Grant opportunity. Deschutes County and the City of Bend had the first approved CRP in the state of Oregon. This grant provides resources to enhance and add to actions already being taken to inform the public of potential smoke impacts from both prescribed and wildfire smoke, and the actions they can take to protect themselves from those impacts. Staff will engage with a media firm selected through an RFP process to develop and disseminate additional communication and educational tools to both the public and health care providers to enhance actions that protect the public from smoke impacts.

BUDGET IMPACTS:

\$75,000 of revenue and expenses will be incurred to execute actions as described in the grant agreement. Because this is unanticipated grant revenue it was not budgeted for and staff will work with finance to make the necessary budget adjustments once it is clear when expenditures will take place (i.e. this fiscal year or fiscal year '23)

ATTENDANCE:

Ed Keith, Whitney Hale, Morgan Emerson