



## BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS

# AGENDA REQUEST & STAFF REPORT

**MEETING DATE:** April 9, 2025

**SUBJECT:** Acceptance of grant funds for Wolf Depredation and Financial Compensation

**RECOMMENDED MOTIONS:**

Move to accept \$50,000 in grant funds awarded by the Oregon Department of Agriculture.

**BACKGROUND:**

The Deschutes Board of County Commissioners established a Wolf Depredation and Financial Compensation Committee in May of 2023. The first committee meeting took place on June 26, 2023. Since that time, the committee has established depredation compensation rates per the requirements of the statewide program as well as received expert advice on preventative measures which have been successful in reducing depredation incidents in other counties.

The Oregon Department of Agriculture (ODA) opens a grant opportunity once a year. Counties which have established Wolf Depredation and Financial Compensation Committees are eligible to apply for grant funding. There are three categories of grant funds:

**Category 1** – Grant funds requested for compensation for death or injury to livestock or working dogs due to wolf depredation from February 1, 2023 through January 31, 2024.

**Category 2** – Grant funds requested for livestock and working dogs that are missing due to wolf depredation from February 1, 2023 through January 31, 2024.

**Category 3** – Grant funds requested to implement livestock management activities and nonlethal wolf deterrence techniques to limit/prevent interactions between wolves and livestock or working dogs from March 22, 2024 through January 31, 2025.

From February 1, 2024 – January 31, 2025, Deschutes County did not have a confirmed wolf depredation of livestock or working dog(s) and the County's committee did not receive any applications for Category 1 (depredations) or Category 2 (missing).

The County most recently applied for Category 3 grant funds in the amount of \$132,800. ODA awarded Deschutes County Category 3 grant funds in the amount of \$50,000.

**Budget Impact:**

If awarded, this grant would result in increased revenues of \$50,000 for FY '25. which would be passed through to grant sub-recipients. Grant funds are expected to be expended in the 2025 calendar year.

**ATTENDANCE:**

Jen Patterson, Strategic Initiatives Manager