



BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS

AGENDA REQUEST & STAFF REPORT

MEETING DATE: November 18, 2024

SUBJECT: Consideration of Document No. 2024-888, an intergovernmental agreement between the City of Bend and Deschutes County to fund housing-focused case management at the Temporary Safe Stay Area (TSSA)

RECOMMENDED MOTION:

Approve County Administrator signature of Document No. 2024-888, an intergovernmental agreement between the City of Bend and Deschutes County to fund housing-focused case management at the Temporary Safe Stay Area (TSSA).

BACKGROUND AND POLICY IMPLICATIONS:

On October 23, 2024, the Board approved Resolution No. 2024-046, A Joint Resolution of the Bend City Council and the Board of Commissioners of Deschutes County to Authorize Temporary Overnight Vehicle Camping and Improve Safety, Sanitation, and Case Management on Publicly Owned Land at Juniper Ridge (attached). The joint resolution calls for the City of Bend and Deschutes County to jointly fund housing-focused case management services at the Temporary Safe Stay Area.

The proposed intergovernmental agreement (IGA) provides that the County and City will each contribute \$400,000 (for a total of \$800,000) to jointly fund case management services. The City's contribution will be from City ARPA funds that originated from the City (these are not County ARPA dollars that were transferred to the City) and the County's contribution will be from the \$1.5 million allocated to homeless/managed camps. The County's contribution were formerly ARPA funds but were re-categorized (by Board action on November 13, 2024) to the General Fund Reserve for remaining ARPA projects.

The housing-focused case management services will include but are not limited to:

- Assistance applying for housing and housing assistance
- Identifying and assisting the client to overcome barriers to more permanent housing
- Health care referrals (physical, dental, behavioral, substance use disorder)
- Assistance in acquiring necessary documentation, such as ID cards, licenses, birth certificates, and DD-214 documents (military discharge papers).
- Assistance in accessing public benefits, such as SSI, SSDI, unemployment, TANF (Temporary Assistance for Needy Families), and Oregon Trail Benefits
- Employment support, job skills development, and education resources

Providers of case management in the TSSA will create individualized service plans with participants and be required to coordinate with other providers, including attending case conferencing meetings, to avoid duplication of services. Providers will utilize the Homeless Management Information System (HMIS) and submit data to the City through regular monthly reporting including transitions to more permanent housing.

Attachments:

1. Document No. 2024-888, An IGA Between the City of Bend and Deschutes County to Fund Housing-Focused Case Management at the Temporary Safe Stay Area
2. Resolution 2024-046: Joint Resolution Creating the Temporary Safe Stay Area
3. City of Bend "Houseless Services Grant Program" Presentation to the City Council on November 6, 2024

BUDGET IMPACTS:

The funds would come from the \$1.5 million the Board has allocated to homeless/managed camps.

ATTENDANCE:

Erik Kropp, Deputy County Administrator

Amy Fraley, City of Bend, Sr. Program Manager – Houselessness Solutions