



BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS

AGENDA REQUEST & STAFF REPORT

MEETING DATE: September 28, 2022

SUBJECT: Consideration of Board approval and Chair signature of Document No. 2022-784, a grant agreement with the Oregon Health Authority for Behavioral Health Housing.

RECOMMENDED MOTION: Move approval of Chair signature of Document No. 2022-784, grant agreement #177672 with the Oregon Health Authority.

BACKGROUND AND POLICY IMPLICATIONS:

OHA #177672 provides \$3,901,470.64 of funding to Deschutes County Health Services (DCHS), for increasing behavioral health housing. Funding will support development of a 16-bed adult facility in Redmond, and expand residential treatment capacity for children and youth. The agreement is effective through April 1, 2024.

Deschutes County Behavioral Health, along with twenty-seven diverse regional entities, participated in the 2021 Behavioral Health Housing and Residential Treatment Planning Grant for the Central Oregon region. Planning partners demonstrated significant alignment around addressing the service needs of adults and youth with co-occurring behavioral health and substance use diagnoses, providing culturally and linguistically appropriate services, and equitable allocation of treatment beds, both demographically and geographically. Specifically called out in the plan was the need to build a secure residential treatment facility for adults and residential housing for youth and children to address the critical shortages.

Oregon State Legislature appropriated \$100,000,000 to be distributed to community mental health programs (CMHP) for the purpose of increasing behavioral health housing. The goals of this funding are to provide an array of supported housing and residential treatment, relieve bottlenecks in the continuum of care, and address health inequities and housing access disparities, among others.

DCHS has been awarded a not to exceed amount of \$3,901,470.64. Funding is budgeted as follows:

\$3,000,000 of funding will be granted to BestCare, as matching funds, to support application for an OHA Secure Residential Treatment Facility (SRTF). The SRTF will be a 16-bed facility, located in Redmond, to serve the Aid and Assist, Civil Commitment, and Psychiatric Security Review Board (PSRB) population in the Central Oregon region. Funding will be granted upon notice of award. The application for the SRTF has been submitted and is currently under review. Award notifications are anticipated no later than December 31, 2022.

\$850,000 may be awarded, via requests for proposals (RFPs), to up to two providers to expand capacity to serve children/youth requiring residential behavioral health treatment.

These funds address Regional Health Improvement Plan (RHIP), Strategic Plan and Housing Planning Grant Goals, as follows:

1. RHIP: Behavioral Health: Increase Access & Coordination – Improve availability of behavioral health providers in marginalized areas of the region (La Pine, Madras, Redmond).
2. DCHS Strategic Plan: Increase Access to Culturally Appropriate Services; Use Recovery Models that Work; Serve People in Least Restrictive Environments
3. Regional Housing Planning Grant: Identified critical need for secure residential treatment facility to address the needs of Deschutes, Crook and Jefferson County adults and children with serious mental illness. Focus on acute populations: Aid & Assist, PSRB and Civil Commitment eligible individuals and youth boarding in the ED in need of residential care.

\$51,470.64 administrative costs. Deschutes County Health Services will primarily serve as a pass-thru entity, and as such, budget on these funds will be excluded from County and department indirect allocation. Grant funds do allow for operational and administrative costs associated with managing the housing. The \$51,470.64 (1.3%) of grant funds will be used to offset administrative costs for developing the RFP, contracting, reporting and oversight. Quarterly financial reporting is required.

BUDGET IMPACTS:

\$3,901,470.64 one-time funding. If approved, a budget resolution will be forthcoming.

ATTENDANCE:

Janice Garceau, Director Behavioral Health
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