



BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS

AGENDA REQUEST & STAFF REPORT

MEETING DATE: September 26, 2022

SUBJECT: ARPA Grant Status Update: COCC Childcare Expansion

RECOMMENDED MOTION:

Informational item

BACKGROUND AND POLICY IMPLICATIONS:

In FY21, Deschutes County was awarded ~\$38.4 million in American Rescue Plan Act (ARPA) funds through the Federal Government. On October 20, 2021, the Board of Commissioners approved a \$125,000 grant award to COCC for their Child Care Business Accelerator Program. During the July 20, 2022 Board meeting, Commissioners requested an update on childcare projects that received ARPA funding. This will be the third in the series of childcare project updates.

During the September 26 Board meeting, Ken Betschart, Director for COCC's Center for Business Industry & Professional Development, will provide the Board with a status update on the Business Accelerator program. The written update is attached to this memo.

BUDGET IMPACTS:

None.

ATTENDANCE:

Ken Betschart, Central Oregon Community College

Laura Skundrick, Management Analyst

Dan Emerson, Budget Manager