



## BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS

# AGENDA REQUEST & STAFF REPORT

**MEETING DATE:** September 26, 2022

**SUBJECT:** Economic Development Loan Request for Kreft, LLC

**RECOMMENDED MOTION:**

Approve request for an economic development loan in the amount of \$8,500 to Kreft, LLC.

**BACKGROUND AND POLICY IMPLICATIONS:**

The Deschutes County Economic Development Loan Program was initiated to encourage and assist companies seeking to relocate to and/or create new jobs within Deschutes County.

Loans are conditioned upon the business creating a specified number of new jobs within 24 months, than maintain the new jobs for a consecutive 12-month period. If these terms are met, the loan may be converted to a grant that does not require repayment. If not, all or a portion of the funds must be repaid with interest of 5% per annum.

Kreft is an off-road motorcycle suspension tuning company which started in Bend, OR in 2011. Kreft currently has 10 employees and is looking to expand the business. As described in the attached briefing paper, Kreft will agree to create five (5) new jobs with an average wage of \$47,766 per year in return for a loan of \$8,500.

**BUDGET IMPACTS:**

Loans are made from the Economic Development Loan Fund which currently has a balance of \$255,000. Kreft is requesting a loan from that fund in the amount of \$8,500.

**ATTENDANCE:**

Jen Patterson, Deschutes County, Strategic Initiatives Manager  
Bill Kuhn, EDCO, Due Diligence Committee  
Bruce Barrett, EDCO, Due Diligence Committee  
Don Myll, EDCO, Bend Area Director