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Erik Kropp, Deputy County Administrator
1300 NW Wall St
Bend, OR 97703

Dear Mr. Kropp:

I am writing with a request to postpone the payment for Oregon Judicial Department (OJD) Contract No.230034/Deschutes County Document # 2022-854 regarding the parental custody mediation funds. The intergovernmental agreement provides that Deschutes County will allocate a total of \$150,122.50 to OJD for the purpose of funding parental custody mediation sessions for a period that ends on June 30, 2023.

The Oregon Judicial Department is required to issue a request for proposals (RFP) to select qualified contractors to become court-connected mediators in domestic relations cases. That process will not be complete until at least July 1, 2023. Additionally, Deschutes County Circuit Court/OJD does not have a mechanism to retain these funds past the end of the current biennium, which ends on June 30, 2023.

The request to postpone payment may need to accompany a consideration of renewing the existing intergovernmental agreement for the 2023-2025 biennium.

Please let me know if you have any questions or if you need any additional information at this time.

Thank you,

Angie Curtis