



BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS

AGENDA REQUEST & STAFF REPORT

MEETING DATE: July 27, 2022

SUBJECT: Consideration of Chair signature of Document No 2022-655, an Oregon Health Authority Grant Agreement for Harm Reduction Program

RECOMMENDED MOTION: Move approval of Chair signature of Document No. 2022-655

BACKGROUND AND POLICY IMPLICATIONS:

In November 2020, Oregon voters passed Measure 110, the Drug Addiction Treatment and Recovery Act of 2020, which became effective on December 4, 2020, to better serve individuals actively using substances, engaging in substance misuse, or having a substance use disorder. People who provide drug treatment and recovery services and advocates for criminal justice reform wrote Measure 110 in response to the high rate of drug addiction and overdoses in Oregon, and the disproportionate impact of those outcomes on Oregon's communities of color. Their goal was to establish a more equitable and effective approach to substance use disorder.

Oregon Health Authority (OHA) is providing funding to expand the county's Harm Reduction Program (HRP) by increasing access to harm reduction supplies, and basic living supplies as well as ongoing temporary staffing support. Goals of this program include:

- a. Expand available reach of services and supports by mobilizing HRP efforts throughout Deschutes County.
- b. Reduce overdose death, and prevent viral infection/transmission and bacterial disease by distributing Narcan and sterile/safe supplies.
- c. Improve living environments or access to warm and safe locations for people who live outside by providing camping equipment and/or transportation vouchers.

Deschutes County Board of County Commissioners approved OHA #170856 in June of 2021. This amendment #170856-2 extends that agreement through September 30, 2022

and provides additional funding in the amount of \$148,225, increasing the total not-to-exceed amount to \$444,675.

Funding will be used for the following: \$52,250 to purchase Narcan nasal spray, \$42,500 to purchase harm reduction supplies, and \$23,000 for client basic need supports, such as housing/transportation vouchers, tents and hygiene supplies. Additionally, \$7,500 of funding will support two temporary Health Educator II for three months, and \$10,000 will be used to cover the increased cost of a vehicle ordered last fiscal year. \$12,975 (9.6%) of indirect administration costs will also be covered.

Funds must be obligated by September 30, 2022. An attestation of obligated funds must be sent to OHA no later than October 5, 2022.

If approved, a budget resolution will be forthcoming.

BUDGET IMPACTS: \$148,225 revenue

ATTENDANCE:

Kara Cronin, Program Manager

Colleen Thomas, Supervisor