



BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS

AGENDA REQUEST & STAFF REPORT

MEETING DATE: July 27, 2022

SUBJECT: MOU for Domestic Well Assistance

RECOMMENDED MOTION:

Move County Administrator Signature of Document #2022-640, An MOU Between Deschutes County and NeighborImpact for Domestic Well Assistance Grant and Loan Program

BACKGROUND AND POLICY IMPLICATIONS:

In the most recent legislative session, the state passed SB 5561 which provides funding for housing, drought, cannabis enforcement, and other services/programs. Section 10 of the bill identifies \$585,200 to Deschutes County out of the State's General Fund to provide "domestic and community well assistance."

Staff has worked with NeighborImpact on a proposal to transfer the funds to NeighborImpact's home preservation program. The Board directed staff to work with NeighborImpact on a draft MOU to transfer the funds and implement a domestic well assistance grant and loan program.

Listed below are a key elements from the MOU:

1. Administrative Costs - NeighborImpact will allocate an amount not to exceed 10% (\$58,000) for program administration. (Section 3 of the MOU).
2. Loan Program - \$400,200 will be allocated to the loan program. Borrowers must be at or below 100% of the area median income. Borrowers are eligible to borrow up to \$50,000. (Exhibit A).
3. Rebate Program - \$185,000 will be allocated to the rebate program. Rebates shall not exceed \$2,000. Projects that incurred costs beginning on January 1, 2021 are eligible. Costs incurred prior to January 1, 2021 are ineligible. Rebates will be made on a "first come-first served" bases. (Exhibit A).

BUDGET IMPACTS:

The state has provided the funding for the program. After the Board approves the MOU, staff will return to the Board with a budget adjustment for the State revenue and expenditures associated with the program.

ATTENDANCE:

Erik Kropp, Deputy County Administrator
NeighborImpact staff