



## BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS

# AGENDA REQUEST & STAFF REPORT

**MEETING DATE:** March 30, 2022

**SUBJECT:** Request approval to apply for OHA Aid and Assist grant funds

**RECOMMENDED MOTION:**

Move approval to apply for OHA Aid and Assist grant funds.

**BACKGROUND AND POLICY IMPLICATIONS:**

The number of Individuals being admitted to the Oregon State Hospital (OSH) after being found Unfit to Proceed in the criminal justice system is increasing at an unsustainable rate. Senate Bill 295 (SB 295) calls for Community Mental Health Programs (CMHPs) to utilize community restoration options for defendants not needing a hospital level of care.

**Goals and Objectives**

- (a) Increase usage of community-based restoration services for Individuals who have been found Unfit to Proceed in their criminal proceedings.
- (b) Decrease number of admissions to OSH under ORS 161.370.
- (c) Decrease lengths of stay for Individuals admitted to OSH under ORS 161.370.
- (d) Increase number of and availability of community beds that are below a hospital level-of-care and reserved for Individuals determined to be eligible for community restoration.
- (e) Expand forensic evaluation services.
- (f) Increase collaboration and engagement of stakeholders involved in the treatment and care coordination of Individuals found Unfit to Proceed

By creating specific and sustainable programming to address the specific needs of this Aid and Assist population, we are able to streamline access to culturally appropriate services for this marginalized group. Strategies and preferred practices for community restoration services are outlined by Oregon Health Authority (OHA) and those will be followed.

We are requesting to apply for \$567,200 for the term of July 1, 2022 to June 30, 2023. This funding will help to cover current costs of services that were expanded to address this population, including: treatment and administrative staff, housing supports, and barrier removal for the Aid and Assist Population in Deschutes County. Please see attached budget.

Quarterly reporting and monthly update meetings with OHA are required.

**BUDGET IMPACTS:** \$567,200 Revenue for the period July 1, 2022 to June 30, 2023.

**ATTENDANCE:**

Kara Cronin, Behavioral Health Program Manager (Presenter)

Janice Garceau, Deputy Director, Health Services