

Deschutes County Service Partner Criteria

The Deschutes County Board of Commissioners has identified certain community groups and non-profit organizations as Deschutes County Service Partners. The Service Partners are annually allocated resources from the Video Lottery Fund to operate programs and conduct activities that contribute to the economic health of the region by addressing the root causes of poverty and/or protecting community assets. In addition, organizations must meet at least one of the following criteria, as defined by the Board of Commissioners, to be included in the Service Partner program:

Mandated or Sole Source

Operates a program or service that the County 1) would otherwise be statutorily obligated to perform, such as the Court-Appointed Special Advocates (CASA) and Central Oregon Council on Aging (COCOA); and/or 2) is essential to the community and not offered by another entity, such as the Latino Community Association (LCA) and Family Access Network (FAN).

County Initiative

The County led or was actively involved in the creation or development of the organization based on an identified need or a gap in the safety net service delivery system, such as the MountainStar Family Relief Nursery, KIDS Center, and Upper Deschutes Watershed Council.

County Impact

Termination of the organization, program, or service would require the County to assume additional responsibilities, resulting in a significant and negative impact to departmental operations, such as Central Oregon Veterans' Outreach (COVO) and Mary's Place.