



BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS

AGENDA REQUEST & STAFF REPORT

MEETING DATE: February 4, 2026

SUBJECT: Approval to apply for and accept, if awarded, a Kuni Foundation grant to advance opportunities and inclusion for persons with intellectual and developmental disabilities

RECOMMENDED MOTION:

Move to authorize applying for and accepting, if awarded, a Kuni Foundation Imagination grant to advance opportunities and inclusion for persons with intellectual and developmental disabilities.

BACKGROUND AND POLICY IMPLICATIONS:

The Kuni Foundation (Kuni) invests in organizations that enhance the lives of individuals with intellectual or developmental disabilities (IDD), their caregivers and families. Through grantmaking and advocacy, Kuni strives to elevate the experiences and preferences of the IDD community, ensuring that people who experience IDD lead vibrant lives with equitable access to housing and other opportunities.

The Kuni Foundation is currently accepting applications for its Imagination grants which aim to advance opportunities and inclusion for people with IDD. Grant terms are for one year with a \$75,000 maximum award. Funding priorities for Kuni grants include the following:

- Residential settings, communities, and programs
- General operating support for established programs and housing
- Programs and Initiatives that enhance inclusion, quality of life, independence, and accessibility
- Programs that support advocacy efforts and advance system change for the IDD community

Deschutes County Health Services seeks approval from the Board of County commissioners to apply for and, if awarded, accept a \$75,000 Imagination Grant from the Kuni Foundation. This funding would allow our successful Community Developmental Disability Program (CDDP) to continue improving programs and systems. Funding would facilitate staff participation in state level work groups and support internal system improvements. While we are committed to this work, and desire to dedicate personnel

hours to it, it is beyond the scope of what is currently funded through our contracted service allocation from Oregon Department of Human Services. If awarded \$68,182 of funding would support .32 FTE IDD Program Supervisor to continue this work, and \$6,818 would be allocated for indirect expenses.

BUDGET IMPACTS:

If awarded, \$75,000 revenue in fiscal year 2027.

ATTENDANCE:

Paul Partridge, IDD Program Manager