



## BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS

# AGENDA REQUEST & STAFF REPORT

**MEETING DATE:** July 14, 2021

**SUBJECT:** Consideration of Chair Signature of Document No. 2021-538, Oregon Health Authority #169509

**RECOMMENDED MOTION:**

Request Board approval and signature of OHA #169509, the IGA for financing Local Public Health Authority (LPHA).

**BACKGROUND AND POLICY IMPLICATIONS:**

The attached Intergovernmental Agreement #169509, between the Oregon Health Authority and Deschutes County outlines the program descriptions and funding for Deschutes County's Public Health Division for fiscal years 2021-2023.

The Oregon Health Authority (OHA) was created by the 2009 Oregon legislature to bring most health-related programs in the state into a single agency to maximize its purchasing power. OHA is at the forefront of lowering and containing costs, improving quality and increasing access to health care in order to improve the lifelong health of Oregonians. In the public sector, OHA will consolidate most of the state's health care programs, including Public Health, the Oregon Health Plan (OHP), employee benefits and public-private partnerships. This will give the state greater purchasing and market power to begin tackling issues with costs, quality, lack of preventive care and health care access. In both the public and the private sector, OHA will be working to fundamentally improve how health care is delivered and paid for, but because poor health is only partially due to lack of medical care, OHA will also be working to reduce health disparities and to broaden the state's public health focus. Ultimately, OHA is charged with delivering a plan to the Legislature to ensure that all Oregonians have access to affordable health care.

The individual public health programs represented in this Intergovernmental Agreement, range from disease prevention and maternal child health to school based health centers, women, infants and children (WIC), bioterrorism preparedness, Safe Drinking Water Program and family planning.

Each grant will have an associated set of program assurances that are the service and quality performance expectations connected with the delivery of the various components of the program itself. The funding attached to this two-year agreement is for year 2021-2022. Next spring, funding for year 2022-2023 will be provided by an amendment to this agreement.

**BUDGET IMPACTS:**

\$2,835,817 for fiscal year 2021-2022.

**ATTENDANCE:**

Cheryl Smallman, Business Manager

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