



AGENDA REQUEST & STAFF REPORT

MEETING DATE: January 21, 2026

SUBJECT: Intergovernmental Agreement with the Oregon Health Authority for the financing of Community Mental Health Programs through June 30, 2027

RECOMMENDED MOTION:

Move approval of Document No. 2025-1054, an intergovernmental agreement with the Oregon Health Authority for the financing of Community Mental Health Programs.

BACKGROUND AND POLICY IMPLICATIONS:

Over the last year, the Oregon Health Authority (OHA), Deschutes County's Behavioral Health Division (BHD), and the Association of Community Health Programs (AOCMHP) have collaborated to revise the County Financial Assistance Agreements (CFAA). The new CFAAs replaces "Service Elements" (SE) with "Core Service Areas" and allow each Local Mental Health Authority (LMHA) which operates a County Mental Health Program (CMHP) to submit a local plan and budget tailored to the behavioral health needs of its community.

Funding through Core Service Areas enables LMHAs flexibility to tailor service delivery based on community needs while clarifying OHA priorities and expectations of the award. The new CFAA will continue to allocate funds on a biennial basis.

Core Service Areas are as follows:

- System Management and Coordination
 - Planning and Service Delivery – Adult Intensive
 - Planning and Service Deliver - Forensic
- Crisis Services
 - Mobile Crisis Intervention Services
 - Mobile Response & Stabilization Services
 - Crisis Stabilization Centers
 - County Crisis Line
- Forensic & Involuntary Services
 - Aid & Assist
 - Services for Individuals under the jurisdiction of the Psychiatric Security Review Board
 - Civil Commitment
 - Forensic Diversion

- Outpatient & Community-Based Services
 - Early Assessment and Support Alliance
 - Assertive Community Treatment
 - Gero-Specialist Service
 - Other Outpatient Services
- Residential & Housing Support Services
 - Housing Coordination
- Behavioral Health Promotion & Prevention
- Block Grant Funded Services
 - Supportive Employment
 - Outpatient activities that address the complex needs of individuals, families, and communities impacted by mental illness and substance use disorders

In September, the Board of County Commissioners approved OHA amendment PO-44300-00026008-17 which extended the old CFAA for six months to allow time for local plans and budgets to be developed. Funding awarded to Deschutes County through that amendment was \$3,553,617 for the period July 1, 2025, through December 31, 2025.

Health Services requests approval of the Intergovernmental Agreement (IGA) PO-44300-00054286, the new CFAA. Based on the County's local plan and budget, submitted in September and approved in December, OHA has awarded \$12,608,197 for the eighteen-month period January 1, 2026, through June 30, 2027. Payments will be retroactive to January 1, 2026.

BUDGET IMPACTS:

\$12,608,197 revenue: \$4,202,732 in fiscal year 2026 and \$8,405,465 in fiscal year 2027.

ATTENDANCE:

Holly Harris, Health Services Director

Shannon Brister, Behavioral Health Director

Cheryl Smallman, Health Services Business Officer