



## BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS

# AGENDA REQUEST & STAFF REPORT

**MEETING DATE:** September 13, 2023

**SUBJECT:** City of Bend Homeless Partnership: Franklin Avenue Shelter Contract  
Amendment

**RECOMMENDED MOTION:**

Move approval of County Administrator signature of Document No. 2023-845, an amendment to the contract with the City of Bend to use ARPA funds for the Franklin Avenue homeless shelter.

**BACKGROUND AND POLICY IMPLICATIONS:**

The Deschutes County Board of Commissioners awarded the City of Bend \$1.5 million in American Rescue Plan Act (ARPA) funds in support of the homeless solutions partnership. Of those funds, \$750,000 were allocated for operations of the Franklin Avenue Shelter in partnership with Shepherd's House. The City at that time had proposed "60+ new beds of non-congregate shelter", which was the language that was used in the grant agreement.

The City of Bend now proposes allowing larger rooms to be utilized for non-related or non-familial groups, which would be considered congregate shelter. The request is to revise the contract language to remove the reference to "non-congregate" shelter and just list it as "shelter". This would allow for various rooming options for residents, and based on recent operations and discussions with Shepherd's House, the City suggests this would allow for the best utilization of the space.

**BUDGET IMPACTS:**

There are no fiscal impacts. ARPA funds were allocated for this grant in 2022 and this request only relates to the contract language.

**ATTENDANCE:**

Laura Skundrick, Management Analyst