



BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS

AGENDA REQUEST & STAFF REPORT

MEETING DATE: June 8, 2022

SUBJECT: Request approval to apply for Behavioral Health Housing Investment grant funds.

RECOMMENDED MOTION: Move approval to apply for Behavioral Health Housing Investment grant funds.

BACKGROUND AND POLICY IMPLICATIONS:

Deschutes County Behavioral Health, along with twenty-seven diverse regional entities, participated in the 2021 Behavioral Health Housing and Residential Treatment Planning Grant for the Central Oregon region. Planning partners demonstrated significant alignment around addressing the service needs for adults and youth with co-occurring behavioral health and substance use diagnoses. They identified the most important qualities to be developing services in rural communities, making culturally and linguistically appropriate services foundational to basic care, and equitable allocation of treatment beds amongst counties, demographics, and geographically. Specifically called out in the plan was the need to build a secure residential treatment facility for adults, and residential housing for youth and children to address the critical shortages.

Oregon Health Authority (OHA) has made funds available "to expand the availability of housing and residential treatment beds for people with behavioral health issues", per the budget note from HB 5202. The goals of the program are as follows:

- Provide an array of supported housing and residential treatment to people who experience mental health and substance use disorders.
- Help relieve "bottle neck" issues at Oregon State Hospital by increasing the number of Aid & Assist clients who are housed and participate in community restoration.
- Help address health inequities and housing access disparities experienced by communities of color and people experiencing mental illness and substance use disorders.
- Leverage existing funding streams to maximize investment impact.
- Increase residential treatment facility and supported housing capacity across the state.

- Decrease the number of people with behavioral health disorders who are houseless.
- Create low or no barrier safe shelter bed options

Informed by the Housing Planning Grant Goals, the Central Oregon Regional Health Improvement Plan (RHIP) and the Central Oregon Acute Care Council, which works to ensure coordination of care for individuals most at risk for hospitalization and incarceration, Deschutes County Health Services (DCHS) is requesting approval to apply for \$3,901,470.64 of BH Housing Investment Funds to match regional efforts to stand up treatment housing for adults and children/youth.

\$3,000,000 of funding would be granted to BestCare, as matching funds, to support application for OHA Secure Residential Treatment Facility (SRTF). The SRTF will be a 16-bed facility to serve the Aid and Assist, Civil Commitment, and Psychiatric Security Review Board (PSRB) population in Redmond, thereby increasing access for rural Central Oregonians.

\$850,000 would be awarded, via requests for proposals (RFPs), to two providers to expand capacity to serve children/youth requiring residential behavioral health treatment. One to support infrastructure project(s) to increase capacity for dual diagnosis, youth serving facilities to provide inpatient and respite services to high risk youth with substance and mental health conditions. The other to support a regional application for Psychiatric Residential Treatment Facility (PRTF) funds for children/youth in need of PRTF services east of the I5 corridor.

These funds address RHIP, Strategic Plan and Housing Planning Grant Goals, as follows:

1. RHIP: Behavioral Health: Increase Access & Coordination – Improve availability of behavioral health providers in marginalized areas of the region (La Pine, Madras, Redmond).
2. DCHS Strategic Plan: Increase Access to Culturally Appropriate Services; Use Recovery Models that Work; Serve People in Least Restrictive Environments
3. Regional Housing Planning Grant: Identified critical need for secure residential treatment facility to address the needs of Deschutes, Crook and Jefferson County adults and children with serious mental illness. Focus on acute populations: Aid & Assist, PSRB and Civil Commitment eligible individuals and youth boarding in the ED in need of residential care.

Deschutes County Health Services will primarily serve as a pass-thru entity, and as such, budget on these funds will be excluded from County and department indirect allocation. Grant funds do allow for operational and administrative costs associated with managing the housing, and \$51,470.64 (1.3%) of grant funds will be used to offset administrative costs for developing the RFP, contracting, reporting and oversight.

BUDGET IMPACTS:

Potential \$3,901,470.64 one-time funding. Please see attached budget.

ATTENDANCE:

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