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Subject: ARPA Support for Safe Parking

[EXTERNAL EMAIL]

Erik,

I am writing to request ARPA funding support for Safe Parking operations. We are requesting \$250,000 for administration and operations of the program.

As I have discussed with the commissioners, the funding we were expecting from our Pacific Source contract has been significantly less than expected. We are retraining staff to increase funding from Pacific Source, but it will take several months to accomplish that. We expect a deficit of \$350,000 in calendar year 2024 and the same amount in 2025. We currently have funding requests with COIC/MAC and COHC to help cover that gap, but their funding rollout may take several months.

MVCD has responded to the RFQ/RFP for alternative sheltering. We intend offer expanded Safe Parking sites in Redmond, and propose mobile case management that could support managed camps (likely Redmond & Juniper Ridge.) However, I need to stabilize our current operations before expanding to something new.

Currently, MVCD provides shelter for an average of 50 people, 17 of whom are children. Families prefer Safe Parking to congregate shelters. In 2023 we served 96 individuals, 30 moved on to a positive destination (18 to permanent housing, 12 to transitional space like shelter or a family property. 14 left unsuccessfully. Through March of 2024, we helped 7 people get into permanent housing and 2 more moved to positive destination. Our case managers meet weekly with participants to help them access housing options. We continue to have a waiting list for entry into the program.

Thank you,
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