



BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS

AGENDA REQUEST & STAFF REPORT

MEETING DATE: November 8, 2021

SUBJECT: Veteran's Behavioral Health Peer Support Specialist (VBHPSS) Program Grant Application Request

RECOMMENDED MOTION:

Move approval of grant application request.

BACKGROUND AND POLICY IMPLICATIONS:

The Veteran's Behavioral Health Peer Support Specialist (VBHPSS) Program grant aligns with the Central Oregon Regional Health Improvement Plan - Behavioral Health Access and Integration – and will continue funding an existing 1.0 FTE Peer Support Specialist to offer Veterans support and assistance with accessing primary care and behavioral health services. This position was originally funded by 2018 VBHPSS dollars.

The purpose of this project is to expand the availability of peer delivered services to Veterans with behavioral health needs to improve the health and well-being of Veterans in Oregon. Peer support offers participants a unique opportunity to engage in their behavioral health recovery within the context of an affirming and empowering peer-to-peer relationship. Services are low-barrier, community-based, and directed by the person being served.

BUDGET IMPACTS:

See attached budget breakdown. The grant funds request will cover 100% of the \$133,743.50 total project cost and includes \$121,585 for the VBHPSS 1.0 FTE (step 2) and \$12,158.50 for Admin. Allocation.

ATTENDANCE:

Barrett Flesh, Program Manager - Outpatient Complex Care Services