



## BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS

# AGENDA REQUEST & STAFF REPORT

**MEETING DATE:** January 11, 2023

**SUBJECT:** Authorization to apply for a grant in the amount of \$3.25 million from FEMA's Building Resiliency in Communities program and also for a \$500,000 grant from the Oregon State Fire Marshall

**RECOMMENDED MOTION:**

Move to authorize staff to apply for a grant in the amount of \$3.25 million from FEMA Building Resiliency in Communities and to also apply for a grant in the amount of \$500,000 from the Oregon State Fire Marshall based on SB 762 legislation.

**BACKGROUND AND POLICY IMPLICATIONS:**

If awarded, the \$3.25 million grant from FEMA's BRIC program would be used for a water storage and heat-activated sprinkler system on the High Desert Museum campus to protect irreplaceable museum articles and over 150 animals, some of which are threatened and endangered, from wildland fire. This grant would require a match of either 25% (\$700,000) or 10% (\$325,000); in either case, both in-kind and cash contributions will supply the necessary match, with no fiscal impact on the County. A 5% administrative allowance (\$162,500) would be allowed for administering the grant.

The \$500,000 grant from the State's Fire Marshall Office has no match requirement and would include a 10% grant administration allowance.

**BUDGET IMPACTS:**

\$162,500 administrative fees for the BRIC grant and \$50,000 for the SB 762 grant.

**ATTENDANCE:**

Kevin Moriarty, County Forester

Joe Stutler, Senior Advisor and Contact Administrator, Oregon Living With Fire