

RESOLUTION NO. 2421

A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE EXECUTION OF AN INTERGOVERNMENTAL AGREEMENT (IGA) WITH UMATILLA COUNTY AND THE CITIES OF UMATILLA, STANFIELD, ECHO, BOARDMAN, AND IRRIGON FOR THE CONTINUED IMPLEMENTATION OF THE PRACTICAL ASSISTANCE THROUGH TRANSITIONAL HOUSING (PATH) PROJECT; AUTHORIZING THE CITY MANAGER TO EXECUTE AND ADMINISTER SAID AGREEMENT; AND DECLARING A RETROACTIVE EFFECTIVE DATE.

WHEREAS, pursuant to ORS 190.010, units of local government may enter into agreements with other units of local government for the performance of any or all functions and activities that a party to the agreement, its officers, or agents have the authority to perform; and

WHEREAS, the City of Hermiston is currently participating in a regional partnership with Umatilla County and neighboring cities to implement the Practical Assistance through Transitional Housing (PATH) Project pursuant to prior agreements approved by Resolution No. 2241; and

WHEREAS, PATH Project originally established through State of Oregon funding authorized under House Bill 4123 (2022) to create a coordinated regional homeless response system among participating jurisdictions; and

WHEREAS, the initial HB 4123 funding enabled the creation of a coordinated homeless response system that has demonstrated measurable outcomes, including provision of shelter services, coordination of care, and successful transitions of participants into permanent housing; and

WHEREAS, PATH operates as regional collaboration recognizing that homelessness is a complex, cross-jurisdictional issue requiring coordinated planning, shared responsibility, and unified implementation among local governments and community partners; and

WHEREAS, the PATH Strategic Plan establishes a vision of equitable access to stable housing and identifies core goals of shelter, services, housing, and advocacy, with an emphasis on collaboration, data-informed decision-making, and culturally responsive service delivery; and

WHEREAS, the Strategic Plan further emphasizes the importance of creating pathways from homelessness to transitional and permanent housing through coordinated services, regional partnerships, and investment in housing capacity and supportive services; and

WHEREAS, the intergovernmental structure of PATH enables the participating jurisdictions to leverage public resources with private, nonprofit, and grant funding opportunities, thereby maximizing efficiency and expanding available services beyond what any single jurisdiction could achieve independently; and

WHEREAS, the City of Umatilla serves as the fiscal agent and administrative lead for the PATH Project, providing oversight, coordination, and management of program operations in partnership with the PATH Advisory Committee and contracted service providers; and

WHEREAS, the PATH Advisory Committee, comprised of representatives from each participating jurisdiction, has reviewed the proposed Intergovernmental Agreement and unanimously recommends its approval; and

WHEREAS, the participating partners have continued to operate collaboratively following the expiration of the prior agreement on June 30, 2025, with the expectation of formalizing a successor agreement with retroactive effect to ensure continuity of services; and

WHEREAS, continuation of PATH promotes public health and safety, supports vulnerable populations, advances regional housing objectives, and reflects the City Council’s adopted goals, including the commitment to partner regionally to expand housing opportunities at all economic levels; and

WHEREAS, the City Council finds that entering into the proposed Intergovernmental Agreement is in the best interest of the City of Hermiston and its residents; and

WHEREAS, the City Council desires to authorize the City Manager, or designee, to administer and manage the City’s participation in the PATH Project in accordance with the terms of the agreement.

NOW, THEREFORE, THE CITY OF HERMISTON RESOLVES AS FOLLOWS:

1. That the Intergovernmental Agreement for the Practical Assistance through Transitional Housing (PATH) Project, attached hereto and incorporated herein by reference, is hereby approved.
2. The City Manager, or designee, is authorized to execute the Intergovernmental Agreement and any related documents or amendments consistent with the interest of this Resolution.
3. That the City Manager, or designee, is authorized and directed to administer, implement, and manage the City’s participation in PATH, including fiscal oversight and coordination with partner agencies and service providers.
4. That this Resolution and the Intergovernmental Agreement approved herein shall be effective July 1, 2025 to ensure continuity of services and uninterrupted regional coordination.

PASSED by the Common Council this 27th day of April 2026.

SIGNED by the Mayor this 27th day of April 2026.

Doug Primmer, MAYOR

ATTEST:

Lilly Alarcon-Strong, CMC, CITY RECORDER