



REQUEST FOR COUNCIL ACTION

Title: ODOT Rail and Public Transit Division Oregon Department of Transportation

Preferred Agenda: October 11, 2022

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Type of Action: Resolution ____ Motion X Roll Call ____ Other ____

Relevant Code/Policy: City of Sweet Home Contract Policy

Towards Council Goal: Essential Services

Attachments: Agreement No. 35384

Purpose of this RCA:

Agreement No. 35384 is the agreement between the City of Sweet Home and ODOT that provides financial support for general public transportation services to the state of Oregon to provide relief from expenses incurred in response to the COVID-19 pandemic.

Background/Context:

ODOT Rail and Public Transit Division has submitted the Oregon Public Transit Grant for the City's signature in order to receive money for the Senior Center Dial-A-Bus Program. The Agreement stipulates the terms and conditions for the Senior Center to receive the Transportation Grant Funds.

The Challenge/Problem:

Should the City continue to act as the pass-through for the ODOT grant funding the Dial-A-Bus program?

Stakeholders:

- Citizens – The Dial-A-Bus program is very beneficial to members of the community who could not otherwise commute to work, healthcare appointments, and even shopping.
- Dial-A-Bus Program – The program depends on grant funding to operate and provide essential services to citizens.
- City of Sweet Home Staff– There is minimal staff time

Issues and Financial Impacts:

The City is a pass through for the grant. This agreement includes the following activities and not to exceed \$97,000 in COVID grant funds. \$49,400 for demand response operations, \$48,200 for deviated fixed route services.

Elements of a Stable Solution:

A viable method to fund the Dial-A-Bus program would include grants and user fees.

Options:

1. Option #1– Do Nothing.
2. Option #2– Approve Agreement No. 35384 as presented.
3. Option #3– No Approve Agreement No. 35384 as presented.

Recommendation:

Staff recommends Option #2 – Approve Agreement No. 35384 with ODOT Rail and Public Transit Division Oregon Department of Transportation.