



AGENDA COVER MEMO

Memorandum Date: November 13, 2023

Order Date: November 28, 2023

TO: Board of County Commissioners

DEPARTMENT: Department of Health & Human Services

PRESENTED BY: Eve Gray

AGENDA ITEM TITLE: ORDER _____ / IN THE MATTER OF ACCEPTING A GRANT AWARD FROM TRILLIUM COMMUNITY HEALTH PLAN IN THE AMOUNT OF \$400,000 FOR THE PERIOD NOVEMBER 1, 2023 TO DECEMBER 31, 2024 AND DELEGATING AUTHORITY TO THE COUNTY ADMINISTRATOR TO EXECUTE THE AWARD DOCUMENTS.

I. MOTION

In the Matter of Accepting a Grant Award from Trillium Community Health Plan in the Amount of \$400,000 for the Period November 1, 2023 to Decemberr 31, 2024 and Delegating Authority to the County Administrator to Execute the Award Documents.

II. AGENDA ITEM SUMMARY

Lane County Department of Health & Human Services seeks to accept a grant from Trillium Community Health Plan in the amount of \$400,000 and have authority delegated to the County Administrator to sign grant documents. The new Community Benefit Initiative Large Grant will be utilized to support residents of The Commons at MLK with support services by providing case management, peer support, night host position and provide risk mitigation funds for tenant damages to keep people housed.

III. BACKGROUND/IMPLICATIONS OF ACTION

A. Board Action and Other History

Lane County received notification in November 2023, that the Community Benefit Initiative Large Grant from Trillium Community Health Plan had been awarded. The grant will provide funding to cover supportive services and operations for The Commons on MLK. Half of the residents at The Commons on MLK are Trillium members and would benefit from case management, peer support and support from staff to help them remain housed.

The BCC has been receiving regular updates on the development of this Housing First project, now named The Commons on MLK, since 2016. BO 18-07-10-06 approved an Intergovernmental Agreement with Homes for Good. Homes for Good celebrated the opening of MLK Commons in January 2021. The initial services provider was awarded the contract via Board Order 19-07-09-05.

B. Policy Issues

There are no negative policy implications related to the application for and the acceptance of this grant funding.

C. Board Goals

This action meets the Board's strategic plan priority 1: Safe and Healthy County.

D. Financial and/or Resource Considerations

Grant funds will provide increased capacity for ongoing services to those experiencing homelessness, utilizing existing County facilities and community providers, particularly among those who are at highest risk of poor health outcomes among priority populations within Lane County.

E. Health Implications

Homelessness is strongly associated with poor health outcomes and lowered life expectancy.

F. Analysis

The information required by the Board of County Commissioners to approve application and acceptance of a grant award is provided below.

1. Please describe how grant impacts or obligates County funds. Provide grant budget details regarding the amount and which county funds will cover the expenses. To the extent the grant requires match or obligates Special Revenue other dedicated funds, please identify the specific revenue source. Please include obligations for the following:

- ☐ Cash or in-kind match
- ☐ Expenditures for administration, audit, and evaluation obligations, etc.
- ☐ Other program activities or expectations

No match is required. The \$400,000 will cover supportive services and operations for the Commons on MLK. \$200,000 will go toward supportive services and fill approximately half the services funding gap. Approximately half the residents at The Commons on MLK are Trillium members and would receive case management, peer support and support from front desk to help them stay stably housed and achieve more positive health outcomes. The other \$200,000 will go toward operations with the night host position and risk mitigation funds for tenant damages to keep people housed.

2. For any required match, which will be spent first - grant funds or other County funds - or will they be spent concurrently?

No match is required.

3. Are there unique or unusual conditions that trigger additional County work effort, or liability, i.e., maintenance of effort requirements or supplanting prohibitions or indemnity obligations?

No.

4. Does the grant proposal include the addition of new County positions? If so, how much FTE, in what kinds of positions, and in which programs? Will these positions be regular, temporary, or extra help?

No additional FTE will be added as a direct result of any grant funds. Funds will be subcontracted out to Homes For Good, the current service provider for The MLK Commons.

5. Describe the plan for continuation of the grant program/project after the end of the grant. What is the expectation of grant stakeholders regarding future funding of the program/project? Please consider the applying department one of the stakeholders and describe any expectation of ongoing County funds (both discretionary and non-discretionary).

All funds are being used to support Homes for Good and their ongoing operations for permanent supportive housing at The Commons at MLK. Lane County H&HS and the subcontractor will continue to explore opportunities to fund these services at The MLK Commons.

6. To what extent will the grant cover the Full Indirect Cost or the A-87 Indirect Cost associated with the grant program/project?

- ☐ If only the A-87 costs are covered, how will the department cover the difference?
- ☐ As the County's Indirect Plan charges for actual indirect costs incurred in the prior year, how will the department plan to cover countywide indirect charges associated with the program in the fiscal year/s after the end of the grant?

All grant funds are passed through to the subcontractor, Homes for Good. The approved grant application budget included an indirect cost item of \$40,000 described as County indirect rate, H & HS, Q&C Combined indirect, and indirect for subrecipient

G. Alternatives/Options

1. Approve acceptance of a grant grant award from Oregon Housing and Community Services (OHCS) for the Period July 1, 2022 to June 30, 2023 in the amount of \$450,000 and delegate authority to the County Administrator to sign grant documents.
2. Decline to accept the grant award at this time.

IV. RECOMMENDATION

To approve Option 1, above.

V. TIMING/IMPLEMENTATION

H&HS will process and route the grant award upon approval of the Board.

VI. FOLLOW-UP

Same as above.

VII. ATTACHMENTS

Board Order

BEFORE THE BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS OF LANE COUNTY, OREGON

ORDER NO: 23-11-28-07

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HEALTH PLAN IN THE AMOUNT OF
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NOVEMBER 1, 2023 TO DECEMBER 31,
2024 AND DELEGATING AUTHORITY TO
THE COUNTY ADMINISTRATOR TO
EXECUTE THE AWARD DOCUMENTS.

WHEREAS, the County has adopted as a strategic priority the promotion of a Safe and Healthy County; and

WHEREAS, securing grant funds from the Trillium Community Health Plan will expand County efforts to support residents at The Commons on MLK and provide supportive services for improved health outcomes and resiliency; and

WHEREAS, Lane Manual 20.650 requires that the Board of County Commissioners must approve acceptance of a grant in excess of \$150,000; and

NOW, THEREFORE, the Board of County Commissioners of Lane County **ORDERS** as follows:

1. Approve acceptance of a grant award from Trillium Community Health Plan in the amount of \$400,000 for the period November 1, 2023 through December 31, 2024.
2. Delegate authority to the County Administrator to execute grant documents, grant extensions, and sign any resulting grant awards

ADOPTED this 28th day of November, 2023.

Pat Farr, Chair
Lane County Board of Commissioners