



AGENDA COVER MEMO

Memorandum Date: November 29, 2023

Meeting Date: December 12, 2023

TO: Board of County Commissioners

DEPARTMENT: County Administration/Policy Division, American Rescue Plan (ARP) Administration

PRESENTED BY: Alexandria Dreher, American Rescue Plan Manager

AGENDA ITEM TITLE: Board Order/ In the Matter of Amending a Contract with the City of Springfield to Extend the Contract Expiration Date for Land Acquisition ARPA Project.

I. MOTION

Move to amend grant agreement #57352 between Lane County and the City of Springfield to extend the agreement expiration date to 12/31/2025.

II. AGENDA ITEM SUMMARY

The purpose of this item is to authorize Lane County to amend grant agreement #57352 with City of Springfield to extend the expiration to December 31, 2025. This extension will allow successful completion of this State ARPA-funded project “SD1 Land Acquisition for Homeless or Low-Income Housing.”

III. BACKGROUND/IMPLICATIONS OF ACTION

A. Board Action and Other History

On March 11, 2021, President Biden signed into law the American Rescue Plan Act (ARPA) of 2021, which provided \$1.9 trillion in stimulus to aid in the COVID-19 pandemic.

Within the ARPA, the Coronavirus State and Local Fiscal Recovery Fund (CSLFRF) provided \$350 billion directly to states, municipalities, counties, tribes, and territories, including \$65.1 billion in direct allocation to counties.

The State of Oregon received a direct allocation of \$2.6 billion. In the 81st Oregon

Legislative Assembly 2021 Regular Session, HB5006 allocated American Rescue Plan Act funds for statewide COVID response efforts. Included in this was \$13,035,161 for a total of 21 COVID response projects in Lane County. One of those projects was SD1 Land Acquisition for Homeless or Low-Income Housing, intended for the City of Springfield.

Lane County negotiated grant agreement #57352 with the City of Springfield granting them the full State ARPA award amount of \$1.5 million.

B. Policy Issues

Lane County's budget and financial management policies support the County's Strategic Plan priorities and the commitment to open and accountable government and wise stewardship of public funds.

C. Board Goals

This item supports Lane County Strategic Plan priority "Our People and Organizational Health," Objective C Item 2 "Strategically manage the infusion of one-time federal and state dollars and leverage grant opportunities."

D. Financial and/or Resource Considerations

Proposed grant agreement amendment will allow the City of Springfield ample time to meet the legislative intent of the funds, acquiring and purchasing land for the use of homeless and or low-income housing development. There is a net zero dollar change in ARPA investments.

E. Health Implications

Housing is directly correlated with health outcomes. While this contract amendment has no direct health implications, indirectly the ARPA-funded project itself is for land acquisition which will lead to more housing opportunities in the community. This will lead to better health outcomes for the people who are able to live in that housing.

F. Analysis

Board Order 22-10-11-06 delegated authority to the County Administrator to enter in the grant agreement with the City of Springfield. That board order enumerated that the contract would begin 9/1/22 and end 6/30/23. The contracting process took longer than anticipated. Grant agreement #57352 was finalized 7/18/23 and was written to end 6/30/24. Due to the lengthy process required to identify and acquire suitable land for the purpose of homeless or low-income housing development, the City of Springfield has requested a contract extension through 12/31/2025. Legal counsel has reviewed this request and it has been deemed acceptable under the

guidelines of the Coronavirus State Fiscal Recovery Funds (the funding source- aka State ARPA). The grant agreement extension requires a board order.

G. Alternatives/Options

- a. Board of County Commissioners approve the contract extension to 12/31/2025.
- b. Board of County Commissioners reject the contract extension, leaving existing contract end date 6/30/24 in place.
- c. Request additional action from staff.

IV. RECOMMENDATION

Staff recommend that the Board of County Commissioners extend grant agreement #57352 expiration date to 12/31/2025.

V. TIMING/IMPLEMENTATION

Staff will proceed as directed by the Board.

VI. FOLLOW-UP

Staff will follow-up in future American Rescue Plan reporting to the Board.

VII. ATTACHMENTS

None.

BEFORE THE BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS OF LANE COUNTY, OREGON

ORDER NO: 23-12-12-05

In the Matter of Amending a Contract with the City of Springfield to Extend the Contract Expiration Date for Land Acquisition ARPA Project.

WHEREAS, the American Rescue Plan Act (ARPA) of 2021 was passed by the 117th United States Congress and signed into law by President Joe Biden on March 11, 2021; and

WHEREAS, the State of Oregon received a direct allocation of Coronavirus State Fiscal Recovery Funds from the American Rescue Plan Act in the amount of \$2.6 billion;

WHEREAS, in the 81st Oregon Legislative Assembly 2021 Regular Session, HB5006 allocated American Rescue Plan Act funds in the amount of \$13,035,161 for a total of 21 COVID response projects in Lane County;

WHEREAS, one of those projects was "SD1 Land Acquisition for Homeless or Low-Income Housing", intended for the City of Springfield;

WHEREAS, Lane County entered into grant agreement contract #57352 with the City of Springfield to complete this project;

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

Contract #57352 be amended to expire on 12/31/2025 and direct the County Administrator to execute all necessary documents for such amendment.

ADOPTED this 12th day of December, 2023.

Pat Farr, Chair
Lane County Board of Commissioners