



AGENDA COVER MEMO

Memorandum Date: April 4, 2024
Order Date: April 23, 2024

TO: Board of County Commissioners
DEPARTMENT: Health and Human Services
PRESENTED BY: Eve Gray
AGENDA ITEM TITLE: ORDER 24-04-23-03/ IN THE MATTER OF
ACCEPTING A GRANT AWARD FROM THE LANE
COMMUNITY HEALTH COUNCIL IN THE AMOUNT
OF \$318,182 AND DELEGATING AUTHORITY TO
THE COUNTY ADMINISTRATOR TO EXECUTE THE
AWARD DOCUMENTS

I. MOTION

In the Matter of Accepting a Grant Award from the Lane Community Health Council in the Amount of \$318,182.00 and Delegating Authority to the County Administrator to Execute the Award Document.

II. AGENDA ITEM SUMMARY

The County Department of Health & Human Services (H&HS) seeks to accept a grant from the Lane Community Health Council (LCHC) in the amount of \$318,182.00 and have authority delegated to the County Administrator to sign grant documents. Funding is provided for Human Service Division Internal Rural outreach program.

III. BACKGROUND/IMPLICATIONS OF ACTION

A. Board Action and Other History

The Lane Community Health Council grant award will support the ongoing internal Rural outreach program needs. This program was created as a part of the Technical

Assistance Collaborative (TAC) report recommendation identifying the need for a more well-rounded Homeless Response System.

B. Policy Issues

There are no negative policy implications related to the acceptance of these grant funds.

C. Board Goals

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

D. Financial and or Resource Considerations

Lane County will need to continue to identify, fund, facilitate resource development for grants and advocate for resources to continue to fund internal Rural outreach programs.

E. Health Implications

Poor health can contribute to being homeless, and being homeless can lead to poor health. Limited access to health care can make it worse. That is why the health of people experiencing homelessness in rural areas is worse than that of the general population.

Common Health problems include:

- Problems caused by being outdoors
- Bronchitis and pneumonia
- Wound and skin infections
- Mental health problems
- Substance abuse problems

For many, the daily struggle for food, shelter, clothing, and safety is increasingly traumatic and unstable. This reality in turn, exacerbates disease, complicates treatment, and drives high mortality rates among those who are unhoused.

F. Analysis

The information required by the Board of County Commissioners to approve application and acceptance of a grant award is provided below. All funding for this project is directly related to HSD internal Rural Outreach program.

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

A: The grant does not obligate County funds. It does free up funding dedicated to street outreach that was previously allocated internally for a Rural Outreach program and will now be allocated to a contractor agency.

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

A: No match requirement.

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?

A: N/A, No unique or unusual conditions that trigger additional work, or liability.

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?

A: No.

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).

A: The program's continued funding into FY26 is unknown, though predicted at this point, as is the available funding for all homelessness services, including the Executive Order funding. The Human Services Division (HSD) is hopeful this program could be funded by State Homelessness funding, Executive Order funding, and/or Medicaid 1115 Waiver funding.

There is not a formal expectation of the grantor to continue the program.

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?

A: The grant can cover County indirect costs. Regarding countywide indirect charges in two years, HSD will continue to identify funding for this program based on the state allocated funding or other sources. At this point any allocations for FY26-28 are unknown.

G. Alternatives/Options

1. Approve acceptance of a grant award from the Lane Community Health Council in the amount of \$318,182.00 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 for execution by the County Administrator, upon approval of the Board.

VI. FOLLOW-UP

Same as above.

VII. ATTACHMENTS

Board Order

BEFORE THE BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS OF LANE COUNTY, OREGON

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WHEREAS, Lane Manual Chapter 20 sets forth policy regarding the acceptance of grants and policy regarding signatory authority of the County Administrator; and

WHEREAS, the County has adopted as a strategic priority the promotion of a safe and healthy county;

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

1. Approve the acceptance of a grant award from the Lane Community Health Council for HSD internal Rural outreach program in the amount of \$318,182.00 for FY24-25.
2. Delegate authority to the County Administrator or their designee to execute grant award documents and sign resulting grant awards.

ADOPTED this 23rd day of April, 2024.

Laurie Triege, Chair

Lane County Board of Commissioners