



AGENDA COVER MEMO

Memorandum Date: April 17, 2024

Order Date: April 30, 2024

TO: Board of County Commissioners

DEPARTMENT: Department of Health & Human Services

PRESENTED BY: Eve Gray

AGENDA ITEM TITLE: ORDER 24-04-30-02 / IN THE MATTER OF ACCEPTING A GRANT AWARD FROM THE OREGON HEALTH AUTHORITY IN THE AMOUNT OF \$4,500,000 AND DELEGATING AUTHORITY TO THE COUNTY ADMINISTRATOR TO EXECUTE THE AWARD DOCUMENTS

I. MOTION

In the Matter of Accepting a Grant Award from the Oregon Health Authority in the Amount of \$4,500,000 and Delegating Authority to the County Administrator to Execute the Award Documents.

II. AGENDA ITEM SUMMARY

The County Department of Health & Human Services (H&HS) seeks to accept a grant from the Oregon Health Authority in the amount of \$4,500,000, provided to Lane Community via HB 4136.

III. BACKGROUND/IMPLICATIONS OF ACTION

A. Board Action and Other History

August 22, 2023, Commissioner Trieger commented on the closing of the University District Hospital and the Emergency Department, during Commissioner Comments at the Regular Meeting.

On November 7, 2023, Director Gray updated the BCC regarding the status of the closure of the PeaceHealth University District Campus and the intention of the County's Community Health Centers to take action to mitigate the loss of same-day care access in Eugene.

On February 7, 2024, Director Gray testified in Salem before the Committee on Behavioral Health and Health Care, regarding the closure of the Emergency Department of the Peace Health Medical Group. Director Gray spoke in support of HB 4136, which is the source of the funding considered for acceptance via this Action.

HB 4136 passed the Legislature in March, resulting in the grant award set forward for acceptance by means of this Action.

B. Policy Issues

There are no negative policy implications related to the acceptance of these grant funds, which must be expended by December 31, 2025.

C. Board Goals

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

D. Financial and/or Resource Considerations

The grant award will consist of two Parts. The first is the pass through of \$1,300,000 authorized by the Legislature to fund Basic Life Saving actions by the City of Eugene. The second Part is intended to permit the County to issue a broad-ranging Request for Proposals (RFP) to select cost-effective approaches to the provision of same-day healthcare services via an innovation fund of \$3,200,000.

E. Health Implications

Lane County H&HS's mission is to promote and protect the health and wellbeing

of individuals, families, and communities. Health is the foundation for thriving people, families and communities. When people cannot obtain health care due to lack of coverage, lack of adequate services and/or access our communities face greater risk – risks that can come from exposure to untreated disease, the burdens of unaddressed illnesses or added costs of delayed care. The closure of the only Emergency Department located in Eugene, has negatively impacted the health of our community. The funding offered by the State Legislature via this grant will permit H&HS to explore cost-effective means of restoring needed access to same-day care.

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

There is no Match requirement. This grant is the result of HB 4136 from the 2024 short State Legislative Session. The grant is divided into two parts, one is a direct funds transfer to the City of Eugene and the other part provides support for a local “innovation fund”. The County is receiving \$1.3MM in pass-through funding for the City of Eugene Basic Life Support programming. Additionally the County will receive \$3.2MM in funding to be subcontracted as the result of one or more competitive selection processes designed to improve same-day healthcare access at lower costs. The County will retain administrative overhead and direct staffing costs.

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

There is no Match required of the County, though subcontractors are encouraged to provide match in their proposals in response to the RFPs to be let.

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?

Not Applicable.

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 positions are anticipated. The County will re-assign a staff member to assist with grant funds management and will charge those fully-loaded costs to the grant.

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).

This is one-time State funding. The funding ends on 12/31/2025. In its reporting to the State Legislature, the County will note any cost-effective innovations that may merit further consideration by the State for additional funding or application in other counties.

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?

This grant permits the County to apply its full indirect rate.

G. Alternatives/Options

Approve acceptance of a grant award from the Oregon Health Authority in the amount of \$4,500,000 to be used to mitigate lack of access to same day healthcare in Lane County and to delegate authority to the County Administrator to sign grant documents.

1. 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

H&HS will return with a request for Delegated Authority to permit the County Administrator to execute a pass-through award via contract of \$1,300,000 to the City of Eugene in May, 2024.

H&HS will consult with local healthcare providers, the CCOs and the community in order to solicit ideas to inform a broad Request for Proposals (RFP), to promote competitive selection of proposals designed to promote cost-effective approaches to expanding same-day access to healthcare. Contracts in excess of the execution authority of the County Administrator will be referred to the BCC for appropriate delegation of authority.

VII. ATTACHMENTS

Board Order

BEFORE THE BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS OF LANE COUNTY, OREGON

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

WHEREAS, use of these grant funds will permit the establishment of a local innovation fund designed to enhance the ability of local agencies and healthcare providers to propose services and/or programming to improve cost-effective access to same day healthcare; and

WHEREAS, the directed transfer of \$1,300,000 to the City of Eugene will increase their Basic Life Support services; and

WHEREAS, the remaining \$3,200,000 will be allocated via Request for Proposal process; and

WHEREAS, the County takes this opportunity to thank Representative Nancy Nathanson for her promotion of this grant to Lane County; and

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

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

1. Approve acceptance of a grant award from the Oregon Health Authority in the amount of \$4,500,000 for the period May 1, 2024 through June 30, 2025 to be expended to in support of a local same-day healthcare access innovation fund as well as of the City of Eugene's Basic Life Support services.
2. Authority is delegated to the County Administrator to execute grant documents, and sign any resulting grant awards.

ADOPTED this 30th day of April, 2024.

Laurie Trieger, Chair
Lane County Board of Commissioners