



Agenda Cover Memo

Memorandum Date: March 4, 2025

Order Date: March 18, 2025

TO: Board of County Commissioners

DEPARTMENT: Health & Human Services

PRESENTED BY: Eve Gray, Director

AGENDA ITEM TITLE: ORDER____/ IN THE MATTER OF ACCEPTING US DEPARTMENT OF HOUSING AND URBAN DEVELOPMENT (HUD) CONTINUUM OF CARE GRANTS AND DELEGATING AUTHORITY TO THE COUNTY ADMINISTRATOR, THEIR DESIGNEE, OR THEIR SUB-DELEGATE TO SIGN THE APPROVED ACTIONS

I. MOTION

In the matter of Accepting US Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD) Continuum of Care Grants and Delegating Authority to the County Administrator or Their Designee to Sign Grant documents.

II. DISCUSSION

The Lane County Department of Health and Human Services, Human Services Division is requesting approval to accept multiple grant awards from the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD) for the Continuum of Care Program. The department is also requesting the Board of Commissioners to delegate authority to the County Administrator or their designee to sign all individual grant awards for the Lane County projects associated with Continuum of Care funding. Recent and anticipated projects are listed in Section III paragraph F.

III. BACKGROUND / IMPLICATIONS OF ACTION

A. Board action and other history

HUD requests that entities within the same community file on application for homeless assistance to HUD. Lane County Health & Human Services, through the Human Services Division, is the lead applicant for the community. Grant Awards were announced on January 17, 2025.

Co-applicants for 2025 included St. Vincent de Paul of Lane County and Homes for Good. At the point of grant award, HUD works with each co-applicant separately in disbursement of funds and the execution of related contracts. No HUD CoC funding is passed through Lane County for St. Vincent de Paul or Homes for Good. Lane County will not have any legal relationship to these co-applicants, nor be expected to have any grant performance, management or bear any liability for these grants.

The Poverty and Homeless Board, created in August of 2014, oversees HUD Continuum of Care projects and Initiatives. This board is mandated by the HUD Continuum of Care Interim Rule. Members of the board have been appointed by the Lane County Board of Commissioners.

B. Policy Issues

This grant is in line with the County's policies and procedures as well as the purpose and objectives of the Department of Health & Human Services. If approved, the department will administer the grant and provide assistance to the grant partners. The majority of funds will pass through to local providers with no significant change in the scope of work for the department.

C. Board Goals

This grant meets the Board's value of stewardship and the strategic priority of a Safe, Healthy County.

D. Financial and/or Resource Considerations

Lane County's portion of the amount awarded to the community is estimated to be approximately \$6,000,000.

Lane County Human Services Division has coordinated the development of specific program objectives and designs in consultation with nonprofit service providers, staff from the cities of Eugene and Springfield, and the Poverty and Homelessness Board. Proposal objectives reflect community-developed supportive housing priorities and are built upon a well-developed, expert and effective network of services available in Lane County. The Human Services Division considers each to be significant and necessary for the community's continuum of care.

E. Health Implications

People who are homeless/unhoused commonly experience exacerbated mental and physical health problems due to the trauma of homelessness. Poverty and homelessness are strongly associated with poor health outcomes and lowered life expectancy.

F. Analysis

The funding for the 15 projects supply a significant portion of the financial foundation of Lane County's Continuum of Care. These efforts have been particularly effective in moving people from homelessness into permanent housing.

Lane County applied for the follow HUD Continuum of Care funds to continue providing services under the projects listed below. The award notification will provide an estimated \$5,081,954 for the follow:

The Nel PSH Project	\$249,281
Sahalie Permanent Supportive Housing	\$258,334
Lane Homeless Management Information System	\$359,033
Shankle/MLK Permanent Supportive Housing	\$594,402
Emerald Permanent Supportive Housing	\$251,768
Camas Permanent Supportive Housing	\$240,828
McKenzie Rapid Rehousing	\$836,469
Coordinated Entry SSO (DV Bonus)	\$122,468
Subtotal	\$2,912,583
Cascara Joint TH-RRH (YHDP)	\$425,414
Evergreen Joint TH-RRH (YHDP)	\$739,592
Meadowlark Street Outreach (YHDP)	\$317,707
Alder Host Homes (YHDP)	\$267,240
Lane Homeless Management Information System (YHDP)	\$100,814
Subtotal	\$1,850,767
Lane County OR-500 CoC Planning	\$318,604
Subtotal	\$318,604
Lane County Contracts TOTAL	\$5,081,954

The information required by the Board of County Commissioners to approve an 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

Match required by the grant is 25% per project. Match for Lane County projects is paid through provider match, State of Oregon Homeless funds, and local governmental contributions. The administrative costs are covered through the grant application at an average of 12% per project. Costs above those paid for by the grant are covered by local and state funds as apart of Fund 285 administrative line items. Existing Human Services Division and Health & Human Services administrative staff fulfill accounting, contracting, auditing, and evaluation obligations. Funds are budgeted for grant administration as described previously. The department covers the cost to support service departments through indirect costs charged to Fund 285.

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

Grant funds are expected concurrently with the State and local match funds used to finance the projects.

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?

The grant does not allow the County to supplant existing County funds. The grant does not require maintenance of effort beyond the period under contract. The services contemplated in the grant do not require a future maintenance of effort, nor do they supplant existing funding.

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?

There are no new county positions funded through this 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).

Stakeholders are informed through planning, bidding and contractual processes that services are based on the availability of the funding through the grant. If funding does not continue, there is no legal obligation to continue services.

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?

The pooled local jurisdictional funds and block grant funds cover the remaining portion of the county indirect costs not covered through the grant application.

G. Alternatives / Options

1. Approve the acceptance of US Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD) Continuum of Care Grants and delegate authority to the County Administrator to sign the resulting grant awards.
2. Decline to accept the Continuum of Care grant application to the U.S. Department of

Housing and Urban Development (HUD).

H. Recommendation

1. Lane County Health & Human Services recommends #1 - Approve acceptance of US Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD) Continuum of Care Grants.

I. Timing/Implementation

The grant projects for HUD Coc Program year 2024 cover dates 1/1/2025 through 12/31/2026.

J. Follow-Up

Upon approval by the Board, the Lane County Department of Health & Human Services, Human Services Division will move forward with contract negotiations with HUD and sub recipients.

K. Attachments

Board Order

BEFORE THE BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS OF LANE COUNTY, OREGON

ORDER NO:

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OF HOUSING AND URBAN DEVELOPMENT (HUD)
CONTINUUM OF CARE GRANTS AND DELEGATING
AUTHORITY TO THE COUNTY ADMINISTRATOR,
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WHEREAS, the Lane County Department of Health & Human Services, Human Services Division, administers homeless programs in Lane County; and

WHEREAS, the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD) has awarded Lane County, through the Continuum of Care grant application process on a competitive basis, an estimated \$6,000,000 to provide homeless assistance services for program 2024 which covers January 1, 2025 through December 31, 2026 in order to transition homeless person into permanent housing and self-reliance. And

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

1. Lane County, is approved to accept Continuum of Care grant awards from the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD) for program year 2024 up to the amount of \$6,000,000.
2. The County Administrator, their designee, or the sub-delegate is delegated the authority to sign and execute the resulting grant awards with HUD and the subsequent HUD CoC 2024 subcontracts.

ADOPTED this ____ day of March, 2025.

David Loveall, Chair
Lane County Board of Commissioners