



LINN COUNTY SHERIFF'S OFFICE

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MEMORANDUM

To: Linn County Board of Commissioners

From: Captain Andy Franklin

Date: January 3, 2024

Re: Resolution & Order No. 2024-008

This is an amendment to the Coronavirus State Fiscal Recovery Fund Grant Agreement signed in 2021 (R&O 2021-421) for \$1,540,000. This amendment extends the "Completion Date" from June 30, 2024, to the new date of December 31, 2024.



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DATE: January 3, 2024
TO: Linn County Board of Commissioners
FROM: Ryan Vogt, Executive Director
RE: OCWCOG Linn County Updates

Community and Economic Development Updates

Transportation

Albany Area Metropolitan Planning Organization (AAMPO)

- AAMPO received approval on its first in-house Regional Transportation Plan at the end of November.
- Staff attended the Oregon American Planning Association Conference and are planning for upcoming work projects and 2024 meetings.
- Staff are developing draft work plans for AAMPO over the next two months and expect to host the federal and state review in February.

Cascades West Ride Line

Cascades West Ride Line provided over 24,000 physical trips from October to November 2023 to 1,881 unique members.

Trips (Sedan, Wheelchair, Secure, Stretchers)	Clients (Unique members)	Reimbursement (Mileage, Meals, Lodging)	Clients (Unique members)
24,044	1,881	6,693	336

Planning

Cascades West Economic Development District (CWEDD)

- OCWCOG continues to serve our rural communities. We actively participate in the Regional Solutions Team meetings and visit our rural communities to hear about their pressing infrastructure needs. We work with DEQ, DLCD, USDA, and Business Oregon on the best way to address these needs.
- Our three-county Childcare Working Group has also joined the new statewide childcare group led by Workforce Development. We are currently discussing a statewide employer

engagement toolkit that is being utilized successfully by Douglas, Klamath, and Lake Counties.

- OCWCOG was granted an extension on the EDA Broadband Grant through June 2024. The Broadband Strategic Plan, along with county maps, has been completed. A capital projects grant for Lincoln & Benton Counties will be written in the Spring of 2024.

Cascades West Regional Consortium (CWRC)

- OCWCOG has successfully applied for the Department of Land Conservation and Development (DLCD) grant as approved by the Board of Directors in Resolution #2023-09-01. The proposed project will develop a regional commercial and industrial lands inventory, development barriers analysis, and three detailed site profiles. The project is a review of commercial and industrial development at a regional level and will be used as a tool for business recruitment.

Lending

Cascade West Business Lending

- A new loan was approved for Jake's Handyman Services LLC, a veteran-owned junk hauling and clean-up business. The loan was to purchase a cleaning and organizing business in Albany. The loan will be enrolled in the Business Oregon Loan Loss Reserve Program.
- Cascades West Business Lending (CWBL) reached out to current borrowers to get Holiday marketing out in the monthly NewsFlyer, and we were graciously thanked for the no cost advertising. One customer specifically thanked us for caring so much about the small business community. For the loan program to be successful, our borrowers need to be successful!

Senior, Disability, and Community Services Updates

Senior and Disability Services

Older Americans Act Programs

- OCWCOG had two Case Managers, one Meal Site Manager, and one Program Manager from the Older American Act (OAA) team attend a Tribal Meet and Greet in The Dalles. This annual statewide event is hosted by the Department of Human Services (DHS) and brings together staff from Aging and People with Disabilities (APD), the Area Agencies on Aging (AAA), and Tribal Navigators working within tribes. The two-day meeting is an opportunity to develop partnerships, share ideas on how to support older native Oregonians best and hear directly from the tribes on the issues facing their elders.
- OAA annual monitoring is underway. We are working with staff on some quality assurance issues, but all issues are minor, and the reports look good overall.

Long-term Services and Supports/OSIPM Restoration Work

Oregon Supplemental Insurance Program - Medical (OSIPM) is a Medicaid program that provides medical coverage to eligible people who are blind, have physical or developmental disabilities, and/or are 65 or older. People eligible for OSIPM may also be eligible for long-term care services. OSIPM has income and resource limits to qualify for the program, although some

limits are excluded for Medicaid purposes. During the COVID-19 Public Health Emergency Unwinding, eligibility for everyone receiving Medicaid, including those participating in OSIPM, is being reviewed. People can lose their OSIPM coverage if they are over income or resource limits, among other reasons. ODHS and OHA recently determined that Oregonians whose OSIPM was closed or reduced from April 1st through September 9th of 2023 did not receive notices that satisfactorily explained why their benefits were ending or allowed for sufficient opportunity to provide updated income and resource information. On October 10, 2023, ODHS and OHA announced that each of these cases would automatically be reopened through March 31, 2024. In some cases, workers had to manually correct the system to reopen these cases. The Financial Eligibility and Case Management teams were not provided advance notice of this decision. Information and guidance on practical aspects of this reopening was improvisational and extemporaneous throughout October, confusing our teams and consumers. A “Talking Points and FAQ’s” document was finally issued on November 2, 2023 (weeks after the reopening actions occurred). At this time, there are no clear details or expectations about what our teams can expect the workload around March 2024 renewals will look like, though the ODHS/OHA states they are looking at strategies to sequence renewal dates out of concern for workloads and will provide more information when it is known. The OSIPM restoration, on the heels of the Public Health Emergency Unwinding, has shown the deep compassion our teams have for the consumers they serve, as well as their resiliency as they diligently perform their work despite continual changes in policy and extra workload expectations.

Community Services Programs

Stand By Me – Oregon (\$BM-OR) and Casa Latinos Unidos Partnership Update

From July 1 – December 30th, the OCWCOG Stand By Me team, together with partner Casa Latinos Unidos, hosted a variety of financial literacy workshops Linn County. Workshops in FY24 are offered in English or Spanish, thanks to recent grants from Samaritan Health Services, Linn County Hospitals Social Accountability Funding, and the Benton Community Foundation. Workshops sites/topics included:

- 7/12/2023 (Virtual): Retirement
- 9/5/2023 YMCA of the Willamette Valley (Albany): Student Debt
- 9/7/20223 (Virtual): Student Debt
- 9/12/2023 Albany Public Library (Albany): Basics of Financial Wellness
- 11/22/2023: Casa Latinos Unidos (Albany): Investing in the future of your children (SPANISH)
- 12/21/2022: Casa Latinos Unidos (Lebanon): Basics of Financial Wellness (SPANISH)

Meals on Wheels

- The Brownsville Meal Site has reopened for in person dining on Tuesdays at noon with plans to resume to both Tuesday and Thursday meals in early 2024.
- Albany Meal Site volunteers gathered together to volunteer at Christmas Storybook Land as greeters and promote the Meals on Wheels (MOW) program.



Linn County Veterans Services

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TO: Board of Commissioners

FROM: Dee Baley-Hyder

DATE: January 3, 2024

RE: Veterans Services quarterly update October 1, 2023 to December 31, 2023

Recoveries

This is awards (money, that is tax free) that the veteran, surviving spouse or family members have received from the claims that we have filed for them.

- Recoveries from last year's quarter October 1, 2022 to December 26, 2022 – \$ 364,981.29
- Recoveries from the new quarter October 1, 2023 to December 26, 2023 – \$ 404,883.23
- Recoveries from July 1, 2023 to December 26 , 2023 - \$1,022,168.20

This report is approximately two-week delay and the numbers are unfortunately smaller and not exactly accurate, as these numbers are reported to us from U.S. Department of Veterans Affairs.

October - Rob and I went to our Annual training with Oregon Department of Veterans Affairs (ODVA) in Pendleton, OR. This training to help us keep up with our accreditations with ODVA. In this week long training, we learn new laws or get updates understanding VA law changes, as the VA changes things all the time.

November - We worked with Linn County Health Department and did a QPR class which is, Questions, Persuade, and Refer training. This is a Suicide Prevention training class that is actually offered in the county for free. We learned about suicide prevention clues and warning signs. Myths and facts about suicide and how to refer someone for additional support. We had a speaker come from VA and share the

Veterans Data and Veterans resources. This was the first time that they had someone come and talk about Veterans specific.

We were in the Veterans Day Parade again this year.

December- We applied for a Veteran Services Grant with ODVA again in November 2023, and we were awarded \$ 43,370.00. The last time we applied for this grant, in November 2020 we awarded \$11,000. This time we had more data to share and we are very excited for the opportunity to be able to use this grant for Linn County Veterans for Medical Transportation. This grant is good from January 2024 to June 2025.



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To: Board of Commissioners

From: Deanna (Dee) Baley-Hyder

Date: January 3, 2024

Resolution & Order 2024-009 -Oregon Department of Veterans Services Grant Agreement (No.VSO_0242) Between the Oregon Department of Veterans Services and Linn County and Oregon Delegating Authority to Execute Originals.

The following items are scheduled to be heard:

Linn County Veterans Services applied for a grant through Oregon Department of Veterans Affairs (ODVA) in November 2023. Our goal for this grant was to provide transportation for medical appointment and VA evaluations for those veterans with transportation issues. This has been an ongoing issue for Linn County Veterans, especially those in the rural areas.

We were awarded the grant in January 2024 in the amount of \$43,370. We have until June 2025 to use these funds.

Financial Impact: We will be paying the medical transport service after each transport, via invoice that will be paid through our general fund. Each month we will be submitting reimbursement forms to ODVA along with the receipts from Quality Medical Transport to reimburse our general fund. I have been in contact with the Michelle, in the Treasures office to make sure the funds are distributed to the proper accounts for reimbursement.

Staff Recommendation: We are requesting that the board approve resolution & order 2024-009



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TO: Board of Commissioners
FROM: Gene Karandy, Linn County Attorney
DATE: January 3, 2024
RE: Resolution & Order No. 2024-013

The following items are scheduled to be heard on January 3, 2024.

Resolution & Order No. 2024-013: A legal services agreement between Sussman Shank LLP, Linn County, and eighteen Oregon counties for defense services in the matter of *Lynch, et al. v. Multnomah County et al. and Gabbert et, al. v. Josephine County, et al.* challenging Oregon's property tax foreclosure statute's as a takings under the Oregon Constitution.

Financial Impact: Uncertain: Counties will pay the first \$10,000 each in equal shares (\$180,000 total), with proportional shares thereafter based on county population.

Staff Recommendation: Approve.



SCHEDULE FOR THE FY 2024-2025 LINN COUNTY BUDGET DEVELOPMENT

Thursday, February 8, 2024
(1:30 p.m., Zoom)

Financial Outlook Meeting

Elected Officials, Department Heads and Budget Committee members with a presentation and discussion of FY '24 -'25 financial outlook (plus the next three years).

(Provide the opportunity to review and discuss the long-range financial outlook and goals, objectives and priorities.)

Thursday, March 14, 2024
(11 a.m., Rm 200)

Budget Officer Guidance Meeting with Staff

Guidance issued to Elected Officials, Department Heads and/or their budget staff will probably include fund limits (example from last year – “status quo” budget). As before, the same process for any additions to current activities being proposed will be a “growth” budget item and listed separately.

(Must coordinate any building improvements that involve buildings managed by General Services prior to budget data submission.)

Friday, April 12, 2024 **COB**

Budget Data in to the Budget Officer

Monday, April 29th through
Friday, May 3rd

Budget Presentations

No meeting on Tuesday, April 30th Expanded overview at the start of the Hearings (see schedule).

(Consistent with prior years, more time will be spent at the start to review, explain and discuss outlook, guidance and provided materials; this part of the Hearings will only be presentations. Materials to be provided to Budget Committee members will be consolidated into “one” book so all the materials must be provided to the Budget Officer NLT Friday, April 12th so the books can be provided to Budget Committee members).

Thursday, May 2nd (afternoon)
or Friday, May 3rd (if needed)

Budget Decisions and Approval

Tuesday, June 25, 2024

Budget Adoption