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To: Board of Commissioners

From: Linn County Treasurer/Budget Officer

Date: April 2<sup>nd</sup>, 2024

**Re: Supplemental Budget Order # 2024-126**

Order # 2024-126 is a transfer within the General Grants Fund from Contingency to Materials and Services and Capital amending Board Order # 2023-433 and Board Order # 2024-114. For a total of \$13,100,000.

Financial Impact. There is no financial impact.

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**Re: Order # 2024-130**

Order # 2024-130 is a transfer within the Health Fund from Personal Services to Materials and Services for a transportation contract with Dial-A-Bus. For a total of \$100,000.

Financial Impact. There is no financial impact.

**Re: Order # 2024-131**

Order # 2024-131 is an increase in the Grants Fund for General Services from the Department of Energy for the purchase of electric vehicle(s). For a total of \$77,780.

Financial Impact. There is no financial impact.



# LINN COUNTY SHERIFF'S OFFICE

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## MEMORANDUM

To: Linn County Board of Commissioners

From: Captain Andy Franklin

Date: April 2, 2024

Re: Temporary Employment Agreement – Resolution & Order No. 2024-127

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This Resolution and Order is a Temporary Part-Time Employment Agreement with Communications Dispatcher Brittany Kleiven. Brittany is resigning from full-time employment on March 31, 2024. This contract allows Brittany to contract back part-time for one year which will help with staffing levels in dispatch. With Brittany resigning, the dispatch center will have five open dispatch positions.



# Linn County

## 2023 Annual Report

### Senior & Disability Services

#### MEALS ON WHEELS

Meals on Wheels (MOW) serves fresh, hot, nutritionally balanced meals to older adults, adults with disabilities, and spouses/life partners who often live alone and have limited resources or ability to care for themselves. Along with a nutritionally balanced meal, MOW provides a daily safety check and social connection, assisting limited-income, low mobility clients to remain safe and independent in their own home for as long as possible.



**158,077**  
TOTAL MEALS  
SERVED



**146,559**  
HOME DELIVERED  
MEALS



**11,518**  
IN-PERSON  
DINING MEALS



**\$108,180**  
COMMUNITY  
DONATIONS



**3,861**  
SHELF-STABLE  
FOOD BOXES



**1,380**  
CONSUMERS  
SERVED

#### MEAL SITE LOCATIONS

Albany Senior Center | Lebanon Senior Center | Mill City First Presbyterian Church  
Brownsville Christian Church | Sweet Home Community Center

COMPASSION • COLLABORATION  
DIVERSITY, EQUITY & INCLUSION • INTEGRITY • RESPECT

## OCWCOG LICENSES ADULT FOSTER HOMES THAT HOUSE OLDER ADULTS AND PEOPLE WITH DISABILITIES IN THE COUNTY.



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**ADULT FOSTER HOMES**  
Provided up to 145 residents  
safe housing in 2023.

## AGING AND DISABILITY RESOURCE CONNECTION

The Aging and Disability Resource Connection (ADRC) is a free service that offers the public a single source of information and assistance on issues affecting older adults and people with disabilities regardless of their income.

### CASE MANAGEMENT

**1,662**  
CASES  
MANAGED

**1,259**  
NEW  
REQUESTS

OCWCOG staff provide case management for Long Term Services and Supports (LTSS) throughout the region.

**2,191** LINN COUNTY  
CONSUMERS SERVED

**62%** WERE OVER  
THE AGE OF 65

**66%** REPORTED DIFFICULTY  
DOING TASKS

**93** OREGON PROJECT  
INDEPENDENCE  
CONSUMERS

Oregon Project Independence provides assistance that supports daily activities of living which can be provided by home care workers or in-home care agencies.

**52** MONEY  
MANAGEMENT  
CONSUMERS

The Money Management program provides free assistance with personal money management tasks through specially trained volunteers.

## HOUSING SERVICES

Senior and Disability Services hired the first ever Housing Navigator and Housing Coordinators for the region in fall of 2023. These two positions have already formed close relationships with Linn and Benton County Shelters providers, are working to create a shelter specific referral process to streamline services for vulnerable individuals who reside in shelter settings and have set up a weekly outreach schedule at 3 different drop-in centers.

Senior and Disability Services has joined the Linn County Coordination (MAC) Group, which is a group of local community partners and representatives from the Governor's office. This group collaborates on efforts to obtain funding and works through projects related to the Governor's Executive Order on Homelessness (eo-2302).

## Community Service Programs

### SENIOR HEALTH INSURANCE BENEFITS ASSISTANCE

**598** Linn County residents received one on one counseling on their Medicare benefits through the Senior Health Insurance Benefits Assistance (SHIBA) program. This counseling was provided by **6** certified volunteer counselors from Linn County.

### **11** MEDICARE 101 PRESENTATIONS

Benefited Linn County residents in 2023

Medicare 101 seminars are designed for anyone who is new to Medicare. They are also helpful for current beneficiaries who would like a better understanding of their Medicare benefits and options.

### STAND BY ME FINANCIAL EMPOWERMENT PROGRAM

**\$12,150**  
TO SUPPORT  
WORKSHOPS  
& TRAININGS

A collaborative project with Casa Latinos Unidos was chosen for funding from Samaritan Albany General Hospital and Samaritan Lebanon Community Hospital Social Accountability Budgets

### FOSTER GRANDPARENT PROGRAM



### **16** FOSTER GRANDPARENT VOLUNTEERS

Foster Grandparent volunteers served in schools, libraries, after school programs, and at nonprofit organizations. These volunteers provided **12,519** volunteer hours in Linn County.



## SENIOR COMPANION PROGRAM

### **10** VOLUNTEERS

provided **3,965** volunteer hours of assistance to elderly adults in Linn County by giving them transportation for errands, grocery shopping, and more.

### **Sixteen** TRANSPORTATION CARE PLANS PROVIDED

### **Four** TRANSPORTATION CARE PLANS PROVIDED

## BEHAVIORAL ACTIVATION

OCWCOG added Get Activated, a behavioral activation group for homebound seniors in partnership with the Older Adult Behavioral Health Initiative (OAHBI). The six-week courses are delivered via videoconferencing in a virtual group setting to ensure professional, real-time sessions with group camaraderie, as well as individualized follow-up coaching to benefit Linn County residents.

# Community & Economic Development

## CASCADES WEST RIDE LINE

Cascades West Ride Line is the region's Non-Emergent Medical Transportation (NEMT) that provides rides to non-emergency medical appointments for eligible Oregon Health Plan (OHP) and Medicaid clients.

**80,394** TRIPS PROVIDED

**1,424,907** TOTAL MILES TRAVELED



## \$1 MILLION BROWNFIELDS GRANT FUNDS RECEIVED

OCWCOG was the recipient of **\$1 million** in brownfields funds to clean up contaminated areas and make them useable again. 3 sites selected are located in Linn County.



## BROADBAND FEASIBILITY GRANT PROGRESS

Contractor Solarity has applied for \$5 million worth of grants on behalf of OCWCOG and the region. The area served would be in East Linn County, and Strategic County Plans have been developed.



## RURAL CAPACITY & FORD FAMILY FOUNDATION FUNDS

OCWCOG wrapped up Rural Capacity and Ford Family Foundation grant work. This included staying in touch with rural communities, prospecting for grants, and looking at regional solutions.

## CASCADES WEST BUSINESS LENDING

Cascades West Business Lending supports small businesses in Linn County with loans totaling **\$1,214,025**.

ALL STAR AUTO  
JAKES HANDYMAN SERVICES  
THE NATTY DRESSER  
GRAND PRIX CYCLE  
VERACITY SPIRITS  
SUDZ IN THE BUCKET  
ALLEN & ASSOCIATES INSURANCE  
CRABTREE AUTO



## ALBANY AREA METROPOLITAN PLANNING ORGANIZATION

The Albany Area Metropolitan Planning Organization (AAMPO) adopted **2** major plans in 2023, including a first of its kind regional Bicycle and Pedestrian Plan, as well as the federally required 2043 Regional Transportation Plan. Both plans help identify potential improvements to the transportation system that will meet the growing demand over the next 20 years.



## **Linn County Veterans Services**

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TO: Board of Commissioners

FROM: Dee Baley-Hyder

DATE: March 28, 2024

RE: Veteran Services Quarterly update January 1, 2024 to March 28, 2024

### **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 January 2023 to March 2023 \$441,421.02
- Recoveries from the new quarter January 1, 2024 to March 2, 2024  
\$ 493,721.68
- Recoveries from July 1, 2023 to March 28, 2024 -\$ 1,592,025.98

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.

### **Veteran Services Quarterly update Jan 1, 2024-March 2024**

Linn County Veteran Services has seen an increase. A year ago, we reported that our office over the years has served over 9,190 veterans and family members over the years. As of today, our office has helped 9,453. Our monthly incoming calls have grown from a year ago of 715 calls to approximately 1,250. We are keeping busy with calls, walk in appointments, and general questions. Our office still encourages veterans and their family members to call or come by and see what benefits we may be able to help them with.



## **January**

The ODVA Veteran service Grant for Medical transportation is going strong and keeping us busy, this grant is good from January 2024 - June 2025. We encourage veterans that know in advance of an upcoming appointment that need a ride and have no other means of transportation to give us a call so we can make the arrangements ahead of time. Quality Medical Transportation Inc. is the company that we use.

## **March**

We were at the gun show, which is always a huge success, able to answer question of what we do and how we can help try and get the benefits that a veteran is entitled to or the surviving spouses.

## **Upcoming**

Honor Flight is coming up April. We are working hard to make sure this year's send off is a good one. It will be located in front of the Court House and there will be big buses coming from Lane County to pick up Linn County Veterans and they will be escorted out of town again by local Fire Department, Albany Police Department and Linn County Sheriff. April 25 is the sendoff and they return April 29<sup>th</sup>. Please come and help send off our Veteran and welcome them back into town.



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TO: Board of Commissioners  
FROM: Gene Karandy, Linn County Attorney  
DATE: April 2, 2024  
RE: 2024-117

The following items is scheduled to be heard on April 2, 2024.

Resolution & Order 2024-117: Amends Appendix 3 to LCC Chapter 630, Contract Administration Code, to comply with the requirements of ORS 25.790 for the County's reporting of individual independent contractors to OR-DOJ Support Enforcement.

Financial Impact: None

Staff Recommendation: Approve