



BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS

AGENDA REQUEST & STAFF REPORT

MEETING DATE: December 13, 2023

SUBJECT: Approval of a grant agreement with Free on the Outside for the purchase and operation of new shelter and housing units for male justice-involved individuals on supervision with Deschutes County Parole and Probation

RECOMMENDED MOTION:

Move approval of Board signature on Document No. 2023-1031, a grant agreement with Free on the Outside for the purchase and operation of new shelter and housing units for male justice-involved individuals on supervision with Deschutes County Parole and Probation.

BACKGROUND AND POLICY IMPLICATIONS:

On May 31, 2023 Deschutes County Community Justice through its Adult Parole and Probation division was awarded a grant for \$1,078,518 out of funds provided as part of the Governor's Emergency Order 23-02. This grant provided funds to purchase a residence in Deschutes County to provide shelter and housing for clients of Adult P&P. The Board accepted the funding in July 2023 through a subrecipient agreement (2023-690).

The Adult Parole and Probation division (Adult P&P) received approval from the Board on August 21, 2023 to issue RFP 2023-751 to select a provider which would own the residence and use it to operate a program that creates short-term shelter and longer-term housing options. Originally, the plan anticipated that up to 24 supervised individuals annually would be able to participate in the housing program, but the selected property can likely accommodate up to 40-50 participants each year.

Adult P&P conducted an RFP process with a multi-disciplinary review panel which recommended that RFP 2023-751 be awarded to Free On The Outside, a 501(c)(3) non-profit organization which has over 15 years of experience operating transitional housing in Oregon and manages over 200 beds. They utilize a live-in onsite manager and will work closely with Adult P&P to create a program where clients are good neighbors and working towards securing long-term housing while meeting the conditions of their supervision. The Board issued a Notice of Intent to Award on October 25, 2023 and the seven-day protest period passed without protest.

Free On The Outside and Deschutes County Community Justice have reviewed available properties in Deschutes County that fall within the funding constraints of the grant and public safety considerations and made the recommendation to move forward with purchasing a triplex located at 640-652 SE Wilson Ave., Bend, Oregon.

An offer has been accepted by the seller, and on December 6, 2023, the Board approved the purchase of this property. Closing will occur around December 15, 2023.

After the County purchases the property using the awarded grant funds, a quit claim deed with a reversionary interest will be issued to Free On The Outside who will then be responsible for 100% of ownership costs of the property and operation costs of the program. The grant requires that a 10-year restrictive covenant be put onto the property restricting its use to shelter and transitional housing. At the end of the 10-year period (the expiration date will be December 31, 2034) the property will belong to Free On The Outside without any restrictions.

The grant agreement outlines the initial purchase of the property along with general operations of the program. A separate operating contract/agreement will specify the referral process and program operations.

BUDGET IMPACTS:

Total grant funds awarded for the project: \$1,078,518

ATTENDANCE:

Deevy Holcomb, Community Justice Director

Trevor Stephens, Community Justice Business Manager