

BEFORE THE BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS OF LANE COUNTY, OREGON

ORDER NO: 20-09-29-02

In the Matter of Extending a Temporary Exception to Policy For Applying and Accepting Federal and State Grants, Appropriations, Allocations, or Other Fiscal Aid Arising from the COVID-19 Pandemic

**WHEREAS**, a new Coronavirus (SARS-CoV-2) and the disease it can cause in human beings is termed COVID-19 and was first identified in November, 2019; and

**WHEREAS**, the World Health Organization declared COVID-19 a pandemic on March 11, 2020; and

**WHEREAS**, the President of the United States and most state governors have declared COVID19 to be an emergency; and

**WHEREAS**, ORS 401.305 provides authority for Lane County to act as an emergency management agency and includes authority to establish policies and protocols for defining and directing responsibilities during time of emergency; and

**WHEREAS**, the United States Congress and the Oregon Legislature are acting with rapidity to quickly provide response and recovery resources and to mitigate impacts to the economy as a result of the pandemic; and

**WHEREAS**, the President of the United States has signed four pandemic response bills, with total funding in excess of \$2,000,000,000,000 and the United States Congress is in the midst of planning a fourth spending package; and

**WHEREAS**, Lane County staff have organized a management plan for identifying and applying for state and federal COVID-19 recovery and aid funding opportunities; and

**WHEREAS**, state and federal COVID-19 aid funding streams are varied and may come in a variety of forms, including but not limited to, passing through State agencies, direct allocations to Lane County, or via competitive applications; and

**WHEREAS**, the timing and volume of grant applications does not align well with the grants management procedures established by the Lane Manual Chapter 20 and Administrative Procedures Manual Chapter 1.

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

1. The County Administrator is authorized to exercise his discretion regarding the application and acceptance of federal and state coronavirus response and

recovery aid, whether it arises from direct appropriations, state allocations, or any other procedure outlined in legislative or administrative documents authorizing the recovery aid.

2. The County Administrator will regularly update the Board of Commissioners in a public Board of Commissioners meeting as to the current status of federal and state COVID-19 response and recovery funding applied for, awarded and received by Lane County pursuant to this Order.
3. The authority granted the County Administrator under this Order supersedes the limitations on such authority under the Lane Manual, or Lane Administrative Procedures Manual.
4. The authority granted by this Order expires December 30, 2020 unless extended by the Lane County Board of Commissioners.

**ADOPTED** this 29th day of September, 2020.



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Heather Buch, Chair  
Lane County Board of Commissioners