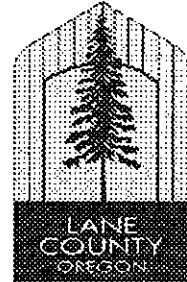


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AGENDA COVER MEMO

AGENDA DATE: April 1, 2003
TO: Board of County Commissioners
DEPT: Health & Human Services
PRESENTED BY: Rob Rockstroh, Department Director



AGENDA TITLE: IN THE MATTER OF DELEGATING AUTHORITY TO THE COUNTY ADMINISTRATOR TO SIGN AN INTERGOVERNMENTAL AGREEMENT WITH THE STATE OF OREGON DEPARTMENT OF HUMAN SERVICES (DHS) IN THE AMOUNT OF \$72,000.

I. MOTION

TO DELEGATE AUTHORITY TO THE COUNTY ADMINISTRATOR TO SIGN AN INTERGOVERNMENTAL AGREEMENT WITH THE STATE OF OREGON DEPARTMENT OF HUMAN SERVICES (DHS) IN THE AMOUNT OF \$72,000.

II. DISCUSSION

A. BACKGROUND

The Health & Human Services department, Human Services Commission (HSC) program, has received funding from the State of Oregon in the amount of \$72,000 to provide housing stabilization services for parenting teens.

The Teen Parent Program provides housing assistance and case management services for teen parents and their children who are homeless or at risk of becoming homeless, and deemed to be living in unsafe conditions. The housing stabilization program is a partnership between HSC, Self Sufficiency and Child Welfare programs, and Catholic Community Services. At the time the teen households are enrolled, the amount of funding needed to serve them for one year is projected and held in a reserve account until either the funds are expended, or the teen exits the program. The goals for serving the teens are to help them meet the requirements for receiving services through DHS programs, complete their education, and to help them reach a point in which they are able to live independently. The HSC contracts with Catholic Community Services for providing case coordination between the DHS case managers and the program participants.

In addition to the funding contributed by DHS, the HSC receives a U.S. Housing and Urban Development Continuum of Care grant that is contributed to this project. Additionally, the HSC currently invests State TANF funding into this program.

Currently the funding is adequate to support the Teen Parent Program. However, beginning July 2003, funding will be reduced. The funding received through DHS for the program is for the period from January 1, 2003 through June 30, 2003. The funding will be allocated to support 24 teens that will be carried-over into FY 03/04. The funding will be appropriated for FY 03/04 during the budget process.

B. ANALYSIS

The Housing Stabilization program for teen parents is vital for removing families from unsafe economically deprived conditions. Every attempt is made to stabilize housing while assisting the participants to develop the necessary skills for becoming more self-reliant. The programs are an ideal way to break the cycle of dependency for a greater portion of the families receiving services identified for these programs.

The outcomes cannot be achieved without combining community resources. The partnership policy committee members meet on a monthly basis to oversee the program to insure that they are meeting the intent of the design of the program. The committee is comprised of representatives from Lane County, Catholic Community Services, and DHS.

C. Alternative / Options

1. Delegate authority to the County Administrator to sign the Intergovernmental Agreement with the State of Oregon Department of Human Services in the amount of \$72,000
2. Not accepting the funding in the amount of \$72,000 from DHS for the Teen Parent Program will put the program in jeopardy for FY 03/04.

D. Recommendation

H&HS recommends, that the Board of County Commissioners delegate authority to the County Administrator to sign the Intergovernmental Agreement with the State of Oregon Department of Human Services in the amount of \$72,000.

E. Timing

Upon Board approval the Intergovernmental Agreement with DHS will be forwarded to the County Administrator for signature.

III. IMPLEMENTATION

Upon signature and approval of this Board Order, HSC staff will process the DHS Intergovernmental Agreement for signatures.

IV. ATTACHMENTS

Board Order

THE BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS, LANE COUNTY, OREGON

RESOLUTION)
AND ORDER:) IN THE MATTER OF DELEGATING AUTHORITY TO THE
) COUNTY ADMINISTRATOR TO SIGN AN
) INTERGOVERNMENTAL AGREEMENT WITH THE STATE OF
) OREGON DEPARTMENT OF HUMAN SERVICES IN THE
) AMOUNT OF \$72,000.

WHEREAS, the State of Oregon has allocated funds to the county over the amount budgeted in the Department of Health & Human Services for FY 02/03 for the purpose of assisting teen parents and their children; and

WHEREAS, ORS 190.010 provides that units of local government may enter into agreements; COUNTY and the STATE OF OREGON are both units of local government; and

WHEREAS, Lane County operates programs designed to help low-income residents in Lane County stabilize their housing for themselves and their children; and

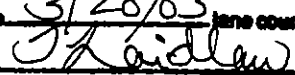
WHEREAS, an Intergovernmental Agreement over \$50,000 requires delegated authority for the County Administrator to sign the agreement per Lane Manual 21.270(2)(b).

NOW THEREFORE, IT IS HEREBY RESOLVED AND ORDERED that the Board of County Commissioners grant authority to the County Administrator to sign a revenue contract amendment with State of Oregon Department of Human Services on the amount of \$72,000.

DATED this ____ day of April 2003.

Pete Sorenson, Chair
BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS

APPROVED AS TO FORM

Date 3/20/03 Lane County

OFFICE OF LEGAL COUNSEL