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AGENDA REQUEST & STAFF REPORT

For Board Business Meeting of March 16, 2015

DATE: March 13, 2015

FROM: Judith Ure Administrative Services 541-330-4627

TITLE OF AGENDA ITEM:

Resolution No. 2015-022 authorizing participation in the 2015-17 Oregon Community Dispute Resolution Grant Fund Program

PUBLIC HEARING ON THIS DATE? No.

BACKGROUND AND POLICY IMPLICATIONS:

Every two years, the University of Oregon's Oregon Office for Community Dispute Resolution (OOCDR) makes funding available to eligible applicants through a publicly advertised application process coordinated by counties in partnership with OOCDR. To qualify for the program, each county must adopt a resolution stating its intent to participate and to engage in a selection process to award grant funds to a local service provider. Following adoption of the resolution, the County will advertise the application process and select a grantee to perform mediation services within its boundaries. The University of Oregon will then enter into an agreement directly with the selected organization and make grant payments without further County involvement. Additional information about the program can be found in the attached letter from the OOCDR.

FISCAL IMPLICATIONS:

None. The OOCDR will enter into a grant agreement and disburse funds directly to the selected grantee.

RECOMMENDATION & ACTION REQUESTED:

Adopt Resolution No. 2015-022 authorizing participation in the 2015-17 Oregon Community Dispute Resolution Grant Fund Program.

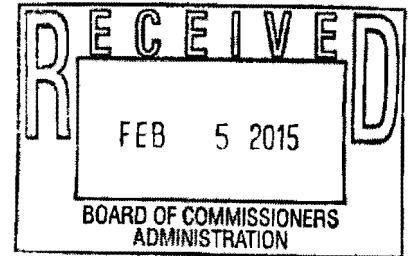
ATTENDANCE: Judith Ure, Management Analyst, Department of Environmental Services

DISTRIBUTION OF DOCUMENTS:

Please return one (1) signed original of the resolution to Judith Ure.



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School of Law



February 2, 2015

Judith Ure
Deschutes County Board of Commissioners
1300 N.W. Wall Street, Suite 200
Bend, OR 97701

Dear Judith Ure,

This is an invitation for Deschutes County to participate in the selection process for the **2015-2017 Community Dispute Resolution Program (CDRP) Grant Funds** pursuant to ORS 36.160.

Assuming funding for 2015-2017 is reauthorized by the 2015 Legislature at the same level as the prior biennium, grant funds for Deschutes County will be approximately \$36,422 for the period July 1, 2015 - June 30, 2017. The funding for these grants is currently derived from an appropriation from the general fund for the purpose of providing dispute resolution services in counties and will be allocated per University of Oregon policy.

Enclosed is a review of all of the information necessary to proceed with the Request for Application (RFA) process.

The first step in the local selection process is the County's adoption of a resolution to participate. ORS 36.160 requires that a County notify the Oregon Office for Community Dispute Resolution (OOCDR) of its intent to participate in the selection process to award grant funds. A sample county resolution is provided in the enclosed RFA packet. Upon your County's adoption of the resolution, please send a copy to the OOCDR. Following is the timeline for the 2015-2017 grant process:

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| By March 13, 2015 | County Commission adopts a resolution of desire to participate in the process. |
| March 31, 2015 | Legal notice published by the County to announce the application process (sample included). The County and OOCDR make RFA packets available to applicants. |

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| April 30, 2015 | Applications must be received by 5:00 p.m. at the County and OOCDR. |
| May 29, 2015 | OOCDR issues notices of eligibility to applicants and County. |
| June 5, 2015 | Any appeals from applicants determined ineligible by OOCDR must be received by 5:00 pm. |
| June 12, 2015 | County Commission selects grantee(s) and notifies OOCDR of selection. |
| June 30, 2015 | OOCDR enters into Grant Agreement with the grantee(s). |

According to University of Oregon policy, each County Commission needs to designate a County dispute resolution program coordinator. OOCDR staff provides technical assistance and advice to this County staff person to make sure the process runs as smoothly as possible. If you have received this letter and are not the County's dispute resolution program coordinator, please forward these materials to the proper person.

OOCDR encourages collaboration in all phases of the grantee selection process. In some Counties there will be only one interested and qualified applicant. However, if your County receives applications from more than one qualified applicant, we encourage you to have conversations with all applicants to determine whether there are ways for them to work together to best provide dispute resolution services in your County.

You may elect to opt out of the selection process if you desire. In that case, the Dean of the University of Oregon School of Law will assume the county's role in the process. If this is your choice, please provide OOCDR with a written notice to opt out by March 13, 2015. A sample Opt Out notification form is available upon request.

OOCDR will also provide you with electronic versions of the RFA, as well as a sample 2015-2017 Grant Agreement. Feel free to contact me at 541-346-1623 if you have any questions. Thank you in advance for your support.

Sincerely,



Mark Quinlan, Administrator
Oregon Office for Community Dispute Resolution

Enclosures

Request for Application (RFA) Packet For 2015-2017 OOCDR Grant Cycle
(includes Sample Resolution, Sample Notice, and Sample 2015-2017
Grant Agreement)

REVIEWED
LEGAL COUNSEL

For Recording Stamp Only

BEFORE THE BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS OF DESCHUTES COUNTY, OREGON

A Resolution in the Matter of Participation in *
Funding Activities of the Oregon Office for * RESOLUTION NO. 2015-022
Community Dispute Resolution *

WHEREAS, the Deschutes County Board of Commissioners believes that the settlement of disputes by mediation may lead to more long-lasting and mutually satisfactory agreements; and

WHEREAS, mediation may reduce the need for time-consuming and costly litigation; and

WHEREAS, the Oregon Legislature has charged the State Board of Higher Education acting by and through the University of Oregon on behalf of the University of Oregon School of Law (Grantor) with the responsibility to foster the development of community mediation programs by making grant monies available to participating Counties; and

WHEREAS, any county wishing to participate must formally notify Grantor of its intent to participate; now, therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS OF DESCHUTES COUNTY, OREGON, as follows:

Section 1. Deschutes County hereby notifies Grantor of its desire to participate in the expenditure of funds for community dispute resolution programs within Deschutes County and agrees to engage in a selection process and to select as funding recipients those entities both qualified by the standards and guidelines adopted by Grantor and capable of and willing to provide community dispute resolution services according to the rules adopted by Grantor.

Section 2. This resolution shall take effect upon its adoption by Deschutes County.

Dated this _____ Day of _____, 2015

BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS
OF DESCHUTES COUNTY, OREGON

ANTHONY DEBONE, Chair

ALAN UNGER, Vice Chair

ATTEST:

Recording Secretary

TAMMY BANEY, Commissioner