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## AGENDA

### BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS INFORMATION SHARING MEETING

Tuesday, April 23, 2024, 9 AM

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#### 1. Call to Order and Introductions

#### 2. Review and Approve Agenda

Chair may alter the agenda

#### 3. Work Session

- 3.1 15 minutes – Community Services Consortium Quarterly Update – Pegge McGuire, Community Services Consortium
- 3.2 15 minutes – Oregon Cascades West Council of Governments Quarterly Update – Ryan Vogt, Oregon Cascades West Council of Governments
- 3.3 15 minutes – Presentation of 2023 Annual Report – Michael Ahr, Benton Soil and Water Conservation District

- 3.4 20 minutes – Rural Broadband Task Force Quarterly Update – Rachael Maddock-Hughes, Rural Prosperity Partnership

#### **4. New Business**

- 4.1 15 minutes – Approval of Bureau of Justice Assistance Federal Grant for the Adult Drug Treatment Court Program – Rick Crager, Assistant County Administrator; Jeramie Martin, Financial Services; Judge Matthew Donohue, Benton County District Court

#### **5. Information Sharing:** (If time permits, the following section will be heard)

- 5.1 Xanthippe Augerot, Chair
- 5.2 Nancy Wyse, Vice Chair
- 5.3 Pat Malone, Commissioner
- 5.4 Rachel McEneny, County Administrator

#### **6. Announcements**

#### **7. Other**

ORS 192.640(1) . . . notice shall include a list of the principal subjects anticipated to be considered at the meeting, but this requirement shall not limit the ability of a governing body to consider additional subjects.”

# **WORK SESSIONS**

**Item 3.2 Benton County Annual Report - Council of Governments**



# Benton 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.



**45,705**  
TOTAL MEALS  
SERVED



**44,949**  
HOME DELIVERED  
MEALS



**756**  
IN-PERSON  
DINING MEALS



**\$44,429**  
COMMUNITY  
DONATIONS



**938**  
SHELF-STABLE  
FOOD BOXES



**323**  
CONSUMERS  
SERVED

“Our family would like to thank you and the Meals on Wheels organization for providing our mom with not just meals over the last almost 2 years, but also being our eyes to check in on her when we were all working each day.”

- Family Member of Consumer

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



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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.

**1,213**

**BENTON COUNTY CONSUMERS SERVED**

**62%**

**WERE OVER THE AGE OF 65**

**66%**

**REPORTED DIFFICULTY DOING TASKS**

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

## 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.

**41** **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.

**24** **MONEY MANAGEMENT CONSUMERS**

The Money Management Program (MMP) provides free assistance with personal money management tasks through specially trained volunteers.

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.





# Community Service Programs

## SENIOR HEALTH INSURANCE BENEFITS ASSISTANCE

**521** Benton 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 **14** certified volunteer counselors from Benton County.

## 7 MEDICARE 101 PRESENTATIONS Benefited Benton 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

**\$10,000 TO SUPPORT WORKSHOPS & TRAININGS** \$10,000 in grant funding from the Benton Community Foundation was awarded to Stand By Me. This will help fund the Benton County Expansion Project which will bring bilingual coaching to Benton County.

## FOSTER GRANDPARENT PROGRAM

### 3 FOSTER GRANDPARENT VOLUNTEERS

Foster Grandparent volunteers served in schools, libraries, after school programs, and at nonprofit organizations. These volunteers provided **2,753** volunteer hours in Benton County.



## SENIOR COMPANION PROGRAM

### THREE VOLUNTEERS

provided **686** volunteer hours of assistance to elderly adults in Benton County by giving them transportation for errands, grocery shopping, and more.

### Five TRANSPORTATION CARE PLANS PROVIDED

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## 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 Benton County residents.

# BENTON COUNTY

## VETERAN SERVICE OFFICE



# 640

### CLAIMS FILED IN 2023

By the Benton County Veterans Service Office



# 236

### CLAIMS AWARDED

To veterans and their surviving spouses

Many claims are still in the que and yet to be decided.

# 339

### APPOINTMENTS

Held by Benton County Veteran Service Officers

Appointments were held in person and via teleconferencing. In addition to appointments, Veteran Service Officers (VSOs) exchanged **1,380** emails with veterans and had **1,043** phone contacts.

## OCWCOG has 2 Veteran Service Officers that support Benton County.

Benton County Veteran Service Officers (VSO) assist local veterans with claims and provide them with a variety of resources.



### \$241,762 NEW MONETARY AWARDS



### \$1,203,441 RETROACTIVE FUNDS AWARDED

Benton County Veteran Service Officers were able to help veterans receive funds from the date their claim was filed, not just the effective date of the claim. This resulted in **\$1,203,441** in retroactive funds awarded, **\$358,379** more funds than 2022.



## VETERANS DAY AND MILITARY APPRECIATION MONTH

Benton County VSO Mark Lapinskas attended the Benton County Board of Commissioners meeting in November to read a proclamation for Veterans Day and Military Appreciation Month. Veterans employed by the county and OCWCOG were invited to a ceremony prior to the meeting where they were presented with Benton County challenge coins.

*Pictured: Retired Sgt. Major Vinnie Jacques, Commissioner Xan Augerot, Sheriff Jef Van Arsdall, VSO Mark Lapinskas.*

The Benton County Veteran Service Office expanded outreach to rural areas in 2023, offering regular outreach and meeting opportunities in Monroe, Alpine, Kings Valley, Blodgett, Alsea, and Bellfountain.



# 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.

**32,552 TRIPS PROVIDED**  
**429,846 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. There is 1 Benton County site that will be impacted by this project.



## BROADBAND FEASIBILITY GRANT PROGRESS

Benton and Lincoln received a **\$24.9 million** USDA Reconnect grant OCWCOG supported, 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 Benton County with **1** active loan in Philomath.

## EATS AND TREATS CAFE



CWBL was awarded **\$1 million** from the Business Oregon Community Lender Loan Loss Reserve Program (CLLLRP). As new loans are funded, they are enrolled in the program. If an enrolled loan defaults, after OCWCOG has completed its standard liquidation process, any remaining principal loss can be recouped by the program. This program will assist us in getting much needed capital into the hands of small businesses that may not qualify for conventional lending.

## CORVALLIS AREA METROPOLITAN PLANNING ORGANIZATION

CAMPO staff drafted two successful grant applications for the Carbon Reduction Program, totalling **\$1.5 million** delivered to our members. One grant will purchase an electric bike lane sweeper by the City of Corvallis that will be shared among the region. The second will complete preliminary engineering for the Corvallis to Albany shared use path, a decade long priority project for Benton County.

### **3.3 2023 Annual Report Benton SWCD and Public Works IGA**



BENTON SOIL AND WATER  
CONSERVATION DISTRICT

# Benton Soil and Water Conservation District & Benton County Public Works IGA Annual Report 2023

## Requirements associated with our 2-year (2023-2025) Inter-Governmental Agreement with Benton County

**Reporting:** Give an annual presentation to the Board of Commissioners after submittal of the annual report on work completed that supports the Inter-Governmental Agreement.

**Road Crew Program:** Conduct a Weed Spotters Program for Road Crew and other appropriate Benton County Public Works (BCPW) staff 5 times per year. Focus will be on Early Detection and Rapid Response species.

**SMA Weed Pull:** Coordinate volunteer training and supervision (a minimum of three events per biennium) for weed removal in Special Management Areas.

**Sharing Plant Information:** Provide support for native and invasive species identification, control and/or enhancement efforts of County staff.

### Road Crew Program

In 2023, we delivered 5 presentations to the BCPW road crew to increase their familiarity with high priority invasive species and best practices to manage them. We're on a schedule of doing 3 presentations in the Spring and 2 in the fall. In 2023, we covered:

- Knapweeds
- Orange hawkweed
- Oblong spurge
- Puncturevine
- Blackberry



Puncturevine



Orange hawkweed





## Meadow Knapweed Pull at West Hills Special Management Area (SMA)

On April 28, 2023, Michael Ahr (BSWCD) and Shea Steingass (BCPW) hosted 10 OSU students for a meadow knapweed volunteer pull at the SMA on West Hills Rd and 19th Street near Lupine Meadows. This group was able to dig all of the knapweed that we could find, and the plants were hauled away to Coffin Butte for disposal.

We are reducing the amount of this noxious weed and are helping exhaust the knapweed seed bank. This is a great way to remove an invasive species near high quality endangered butterfly habitat. At this event, Greenbelt Land Trust gave the volunteers a tour of Lupine Meadows after the knapweed digging!



**Top left photo:** Students from Oregon State University digging meadow knapweed near West Hills Road. **Above:** A large meadow knapweed dug out of the ground—roots and all! **Left:** OSU student volunteers tour Lupine Meadows (*Greenbelt Land Trust Property*) to see the rare prairie plants they're helping to protect.





BENTON SOIL AND WATER  
CONSERVATION DISTRICT

## Benton Cooperative Weed Management Area (CWMA)



BSWCD coordinates the Benton County Cooperative Weed Management Area and many activities associated with the CWMA work help meet the requirements of the Benton County Public Works IGA.

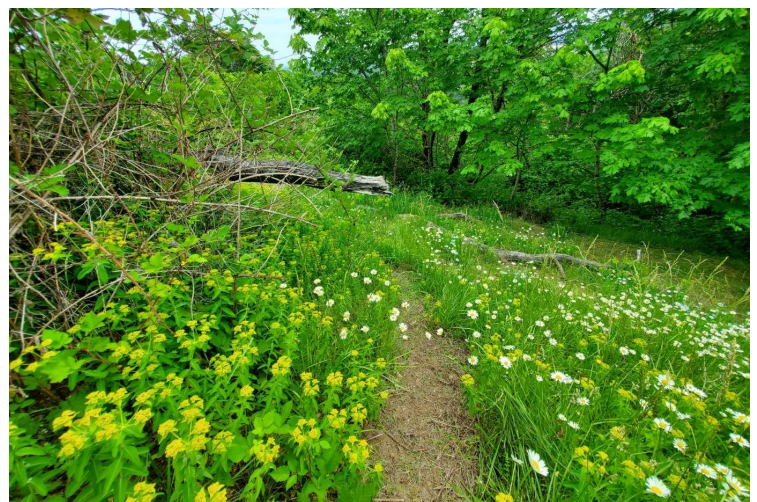
1. **Let's Pull Together Event.** On May 20th, more than 30 volunteers gathered at 5 Benton County sites to pull invasive weeds. Sites included Marys River Park, McDonald-Dunn Forest, Witham Hill Natural Area, Tadena Landing, and Marys Peak!

2. **Oblong spurge.** We treated and monitored more than 40 oblong spurge sites. This is an ODA "A" list weed that we prioritize in Benton County. BSWCD employed a seasonal technician to assist with this project in 2023.

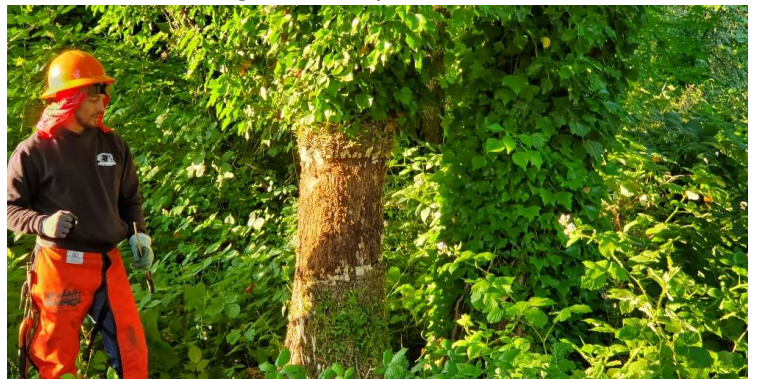
3. **Invasive weed treatment.** A grant from Oregon Department of Agriculture funded ivy removal from trees along the Willamette River. Contractors treated 18 acres of forest.



*Volunteers posing near a bigleaf maple at Marys River Park during Let's Pull Together Event, May 20, 2023*



*We found what might be the largest oblong spurge site in Oregon on Vineyard Mountain.*



*A grant from Oregon Dept. of Agriculture helped fund ivy removal from trees along the Willamette River.*



## Willamette Mainstem Cooperative

BSWCD coordinates the Willamette Mainstem Cooperative. Much of the work performed on the river relates to invasive species management.

### 1. **Paddle and Pull Events.**

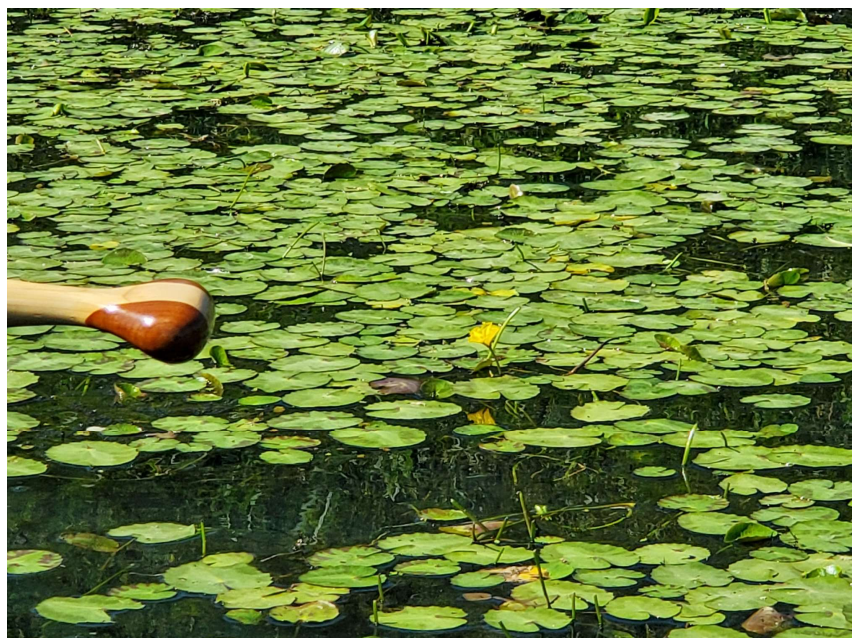
On July 14<sup>th</sup> and 29<sup>th</sup>, Benton SWCD worked with Willamette Riverkeeper, Oregon Department of Agriculture, and Oregon Parks and Recreation Department to lead volunteers on a canoe trip down the Willamette to pull parrots feather and *Ludwigia*. 26 volunteers participated and hundreds of pounds of weeds were hauled away!



*Volunteers pulling parrots feather to release native wapato during a Paddle and Pull Event at Tripp Island, July 14, 2023*

### 2. **Yellow floating heart.**

Surveyed 22 miles of the Willamette for this "A" list weed. We found 2 new sites this year, and currently treat 6 locations. Overall we've kept this weed from thriving along the Benton County stretch of the river.



*Yellow floating heart growing in an alcove downstream from Peoria Park. These weeds were treated in August 2023 after the photo was taken*

## **Item 3.4 March Broadband Update**

March 2024

# Broadband News



**RURAL PROSPERITY**  
PARTNERS

## Overview

There has been a great deal of broadband activity lately. Below is a summary of the happenings at both the state and federal level. Our team is here to answer any questions you may have.

Rural Prosperity Partners is a technical assistance firm supporting rural, frontier, and Tribal communities to secure state, federal and private funding. Our team has over 30 years of broadband and 40 years of resource development experience. Connect with us at [connect@ruralprosperity.com](mailto:connect@ruralprosperity.com).

## State Analysis

State Broadband Technical Assistance Program (**BTAP**). The OBO received 27 complete applications for 33 counties and 2 Tribes (totaling \$4.4 million) for what is still \$1.5 million in funding. They expect to complete the contracts with the successful proponents in May. We may hear more about award decisions as early as the 21st during the next Oregon Broadband Advisory Council meeting. An initial scoring was presented by the OBO staff to the Grant Application Review Committee on March 14th.

The Broadband Deployment Program (**BDP**) (\$157 million) handbook has changed due to the many comments received in the last public review period. It has been released and is available on the Oregon Broadband Office's (OBO's) BDP webpage. The opening of the BDP application window was on March 25th. It closes on April 25th with award contracts to be finalized by September (estimate). Here is the link to the website: [Business Oregon : Broadband Deployment Program \(BDP\) : Broadband Deployment Program : State of Oregon](#)

On February 28th, the NTIA approved the OBO's Broadband Equity, Access, and Deployment (**BEAD**) Program's Initial Proposal Volume 1 (the final version is now posted). Oregon's challenge period will be limited to 30 days. In response to a question about the OBO's approach for coordinating speed tests, Krystal Stone (State BEAD Coordinator) said that the OBO had signed an agreement with Ready.net to run the upcoming challenge process. D.C.-based Ready already is doing this for multiple states (e.g., Louisiana, Virginia). Ready has its own speed test process, so this very likely is how the OBO will go.

On Friday, March 29, 2024, NTIA announced the Digital Equity Capacity Grant allocations for states and territories to implement Digital Equity Plans. Oregon's initial \$9.9 million allocation is the first of the total expected funds. Additional funding will be made available by NTIA in the future. You can find the Plan, NOFO, and other information [here](#).

The Oregon Broadband Equity Coalition (**OBEC**) officially launched on February 22nd. The next meeting is scheduled for April 25. If you are interested in being a part of this digital equity movement, let one of us at Rural Prosperity Partners (RPP) know, and we'll help you get plugged in. OBEC was formed by Oregon State University, Link Oregon, and RPP. Everyone is welcome to join.

Legislative Updates: HB 4040, which does away with the Grant Application Review Committee (GARC), has been passed by both houses of the legislature and is awaiting the Governor's signature.

### **Federal Analysis**

The FCC has officially announced that the Affordable Connectivity Plan (**ACP**) ends in April unless funded by congress. The program ceased enrollment on February 7, 2024 and is expected to run out of money completely in April unless Congress acts. Oregon currently has 237,555 households enrolled (as of Dec 31, 2023).

There is so much just over the horizon for broadband in Oregon. It is an exciting time to be engaged in efforts to close the digital divide in our state. The entire RPP team is grateful for the opportunity to work with each and everyone of you. We eagerly look forward to seeing what we can all do together.

### **Local Analysis**

Alyrica Networks, Peak Internet, Pioneer Connect as well local elected officials and broadband champions joined a USDA roundtable in March with USDA RUS Administrator Berke to discuss the launch of the Rural Prosperity Supported Broadband Technical Assistance Broadband Pilot, as well as challenges and opportunities to connect rural communities. We thank Alyrica Networks for hosting this event.

Alyrica Networks is participating as one of three rural Internet Service Providers in this pilot program and will be submitting a ReConnect (USDA) Round 5 application this Spring. Pioneer Connect is also considering a ReConnect application submission this Spring.

Several Internet Service Providers will be submitting for the Broadband Deployment Program funding (Oregon Broadband Office), and most are preparing to submit for BEAD.

**[www.ruralprosperity.com](http://www.ruralprosperity.com)**

# **NEW BUSINESS**



## BOC Agenda Checklist Master

## Agenda Placement and Contacts

**Suggested Agenda Date** 04/23/24

View [Agenda Tracker](#)

**Suggested Placement \*** BOC Tuesday Meeting

**Department \*** Board of Commissioners

**Contact Name \*** Rick Crager

**Phone Extension \*** 6246

**Meeting Attendee Name \*** Rick Crager

Agenda Item Details 

**Item Title \*** Bureau of Justice Administration Adult Drug Treatment Court Grant Application

**Item Involves \*** Check all that apply

- Appointments
- Budget
- Contract/Agreement
- Discussion and Action
- Discussion Only
- Document Recording
- Employment
- Notice of Intent
- Order/Resolution
- Ordinance/Public Hearing 1st Reading
- Ordinance/Public Hearing 2nd Reading
- Proclamation
- Project/Committee Update
- Public Comment
- Special Report
- Other

**Estimated Time \*** 5 minutes

**Board/Committee Involvement \***  Yes  No

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Yes

No

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## Issues and Fiscal Impact

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### Item Issues and Description

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**Identified Salient Issues \***

The Bureau of Justice Administration (BJA) is offering an Adult Drug Treatment Court (ADTC) grant covering four years with \$900,000. There is a 25% match component, or \$300,000, that is covered by the State of Oregon through funding that supports an Oregon Judicial Department (OJD) Coordinator. This is a joint effort project with Benton County, OJD, and the grant award to implement or restart a Drug Court program in Benton County.

**Options \***

Approve applying for the grant.  
Disapprove applying for the grant. (Disapproving the grant will result in ongoing discontinuation of the ADTC Program in Benton County.)

**Fiscal Impact \***

- Yes
- No

**Fiscal Impact Description \***

\$1,200,000, which includes a 25% in-kind match. Benton County would provide approximately \$87,360 of facilities cost until June 30, 2025, at which time ongoing costs must be covered by the Criminal Justice Commission grant the program will apply for.

# 2040 Thriving Communities Initiative

**Mandated Service?\***  Yes  No

## 2040 Thriving Communities Initiative

Describe how this agenda checklist advances the core values or focus areas of 2040, or supports a strategy of a departmental goal.

To review the initiative, visit the website [HERE](#).

### Values and Focus Areas

Check boxes that reflect each applicable value or focus area and explain how they will be advanced.

#### Core Values\*

Select all that apply.

- Vibrant, Livable Communities
- Supportive People Resources
- High Quality Environment and Access
- Diverse Economy that Fits
- Community Resilience
- Equity for Everyone
- Health in All Actions
- N/A

#### Explain Core Values Selections\*

The purpose of the Adult Treatment Court Program is to reduce the misuse of opioids, stimulants, and other substances by people involved in the criminal justice system. Providing adults with proper treatment and resources to effective healing may hopefully lead to a reduction on reoffenders.

#### Focus Areas and Vision\*

Select all that apply.

- Community Safety
- Emergency Preparedness
- Outdoor Recreation
- Prosperous Economy
- Environment and Natural Resources
- Mobility and Transportation
- Housing and Growth
- Arts, Entertainment, Culture, and History
- Food and Agriculture
- Lifelong Learning and Education
- N/A

#### Explain Focus Areas and Vision Selection\*

N/A

## Recommendations and Motions

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### Item Recommendations and Motions

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**Staff Recommendations\*** Staff recommends moving forward with the grant application to support the planning and continuation of the Adult Drug Treatment Court Program in Benton County.

**Meeting Motions\*** I move to ...  
...in coordination with the Oregon Judicial Department, apply for a \$900,000 grant from the Bureau of Justice Administration to support the planning and continuation of the Adult Drug Treatment Court Program in Benton County.

### **Staff Recommendation**

Staff recommends moving forward with the grant application to support the planning and continuation of the Adult Drug Treatment Court Program in Benton County.

### **Meeting Motion**

I move to, in coordination with the Oregon Judicial Department, apply for a \$900,000 grant from the Bureau of Justice Administration to support the planning and continuation of the Adult Drug Treatment Court Program in Benton County.



## Attachments, Comments, and Submission

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### Item Comments and Attachments

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**Attachments**





Upload any attachments to be included in the agenda, preferably as PDF files. If more than one attachment / exhibit, please indicate "1", "2", "3" or "A", "B", "C" on the documents.

**Comments (optional)**

If you have any questions, please call ext.6800

**Department  
Approver**

RICK CRAGER

<p>1. Dept Approval</p> <hr/> <p>Department Approval</p> <hr/> <p>Comments</p> <p>Signature </p>	<p>5.</p> <hr/> <p>BOC Final Approval</p> <hr/> <p>Comments</p> <p>Signature </p>
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