

AGENDA ITEM FOR ADMINISTRATIVE MEETING () Discussion only
(X) Action

FROM (DEPT/ DIVISION): County Counsel

SUBJECT: Wildlife Services Budget

<p>Background:</p> <p>The USDA APHIS has prepared its budget for wildlife services for FY2022-23. The amount of the requested county contribution toward the services is \$90,000, which is the same contribution amount as FY 2021-22. The amount has been budgeted in the proposed county budget.</p>	<p>Requested Action:</p> <p>Approve County contribution of \$90,000 toward wildlife services</p>
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ATTACHMENTS: Letter; Proposed Agreement

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Checkoffs:

- () Dept. Heard (copy)
- () Human Resources (copy)
- () Fiscal
- (X) Legal (copy)
- () (Other - List:)

To be notified of Meeting:
Robert Pahl

Needed at Meeting:

Scheduled for meeting on: May 24, 2022

Action taken:

Follow-up:



United States
Department of
Agriculture

Wildlife Services

6035 NE 78th Ct.
Suite 100
Portland, OR 97218

Date: February 24, 2022

Umatilla County Commissioners
C/O Doug Olsen
216 SE 4th
Pendleton, OR 97801

Subject: FY 2022-2023 Wildlife Services Budget Request

Dear Commissioners,

USDA-APHIS-Wildlife Services (WS) appreciates the support of Umatilla County and the opportunity to provide service to individuals in the County. WS is grateful for the collective support of the Association of Oregon Counties (AOC), our individual county partners, cooperators, and many stakeholders who have made their support of our services known as we start this budget session. Our assistance with wildlife conflicts is primarily focused on livestock and other agricultural resource protection but also includes wildlife threats to human health and safety, protection of public and private property and assisting agencies with natural resource protection. The intent of this letter is to convey information that will assist with the County's budget planning process for the upcoming county fiscal year.

Our proposed budget request (see attachment) for July 1, 2022 – June 30, 2023 is **\$90,000**. This funding request indicates the amount needed to maintain the current level of service you are receiving. Once the county commission approves the budget amount, please let us know and we will send you a final agreement for signature. We do need a commitment or letter of intent by June 30th, to ensure we can continue services beyond June 30th.

The attached budget sheet identifies the amount of state and federal funds anticipated to offset the costs to the county. The amount of state and federal funds will be confirmed when the respective budgets are finalized and approved. The state and federal funds are distributed equitably to the participating counties. The equitable distribution of the state and federal funds ("Shares") is proportional to the amount of funding provided by each county. Counties that pay more for service, receive more in shares.

WS is keenly aware of the funding challenges County Officials are faced with and are committed to respond to your requests for assistance. We continue to work with federal and state agencies to ensure we provide sound wildlife damage management actions that are consistent with applicable federal and state laws, including the Endangered Species Act. We will collaborate with you on the budget process and make reasonable adjustments, if needed, to continue our long-standing relationship with Umatilla County and provide the best level of service we can with such adjustments.

I want to thank your county for the continued support of the USDA-APHIS-Wildlife Services program. That support is vital to our combined ability to provide services to individuals throughout the state. WS looks forward to continuing to serve the County to the best of our ability. Please contact the USDA-WS Oregon State Office, State Director Jeffrey B. Flores at (971) 334-6151 or District Supervisor Shane Koyle at (541) 963-7947 should you have any questions.

Sincerely,

Jeffrey Flores
Oregon State Director

Attachments: Financial Plan Umatilla County

CC: Drenda Howatt, AOC Legislative Manager

FINANCIAL PLAN

For the disbursement of funds from

Umatilla - County

to

USDA APHIS Wildlife Services

for

Predator Management: coyote, bear, cougar etc.

from

7/1/2022

to

6/30/2023

Cost Element	Cost to Cooperator	Cost Share (Paid by Federal and State)	Full Cost
Personnel Compensation	\$ 38,414.57	\$ 34,614.90	\$ 73,029.47
Travel	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -
Vehicles	\$ 19,781.10	\$ 3,846.10	\$ 23,627.20
Other Services	\$ 1,680.00	\$ -	\$ 1,680.00
Supplies and Materials	\$ 3,042.08	\$ -	\$ 3,042.08
Equipment	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -

Subtotal (Direct Charges)	\$ 62,917.75	\$ 38,461.00	\$ 101,378.75
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Pooled Job Costs	11.00%	\$ 6,920.95	\$ 6,920.95
Indirect Costs	16.15%	\$ 10,161.22	\$ 10,161.22
Aviation Flat Rate Collection		\$ 10,000.08	\$ 10,000.08
Agreement Total		\$ 90,000.00	\$ 128,461.00

The distribution of the budget from this Financial Plan may vary as necessary to accomplish the purpose of this agreement but may not exceed: \$90,000.00. The Cost Share amount is \$38,461.00. This is an estimate based on available State and Federal funding and may be adjusted accordingly.

USDA APHIS WILDLIFE SERVICES WORK AND FINANCIAL PLAN

COOPERATOR: UMATILLA COUNTY
COOPERATIVE AGREEMENT NO.: 22-7341-5127-RA
ACCOUNT WBS: AP.RA.RX41.73.0534
AGREEMENT DATES: July 1, 2022 – June 30, 2023
AGREEMENT AMOUNT: \$90,000.00

Pursuant to Cooperative Service Agreement No. 18-7341-5127-RA between Umatilla County and the United States Department of Agriculture, Animal and Plant Health Inspection Service, Wildlife Services (APHIS-WS), this Work and Financial Plan defines the objectives, plan of action, resources, and budget for cooperative wildlife services program.

OBJECTIVES/GOALS

APHIS-WS objective is to provide professional wildlife management assistance to reduce or manage damage caused by coyotes, predatory animals, and other nuisance wildlife to protect property and human health and safety.

Specific goals are:

1. To provide direct assistance for Umatilla County from wildlife conflicts or damage.
2. To provide direct assistance in the form of educational information.

PLAN OF ACTION

The objectives of the wildlife damage management program will be accomplished in the following manner:

1. APHIS-WS will provide technical assistance and or direct management at times and locations for where it is determined there is a need to resolve problems caused by wildlife. Management efforts will be directed towards specific offending individuals or local groups of animals. Method selection will be based on an evaluation of selectivity, humaneness, human safety, effectiveness, legality, and practicality.

Technical Assistance: Wildlife Services' personnel may provide verbal or written advice, recommendations, information, demonstrations, or training to use in managing wildlife damage problems. Generally, implementation of technical assistance recommendations is the responsibility of the resource/property owner.

Direct Management: Direct management is usually provided when the resource/property owner's efforts have proven ineffective and or technical assistance alone is inadequate. Direct management methods/techniques may include trap equipment, shooting, and other methods as mutually agreed upon.

2. APHIS-WS District Supervisor, Shane Koyle, in La Grande, Oregon, will supervise this project, (541) 963-7947. This project will be monitored by Jeffrey B. Flores, State Director, in Portland, Oregon, (971) 334-6151.
3. APHIS-WS will invoice Umatilla County monthly for actual costs incurred in providing service, not to exceed \$90,000.00, provided there are billable expenses posted at the time of billing for the month of service. In some cases, the work is done during the period of performance, but expenses post outside of the agreement end date, resulting in a final invoice one month after the period of performance has ended.
4. In accordance with the Debt Collection Improvement Act (DCIA) of 1996, bills issued by APHIS-WS are due and payable within 30 days of the invoice date. The DCIA requires that all debts older than 120 days be forwarded to debt collection centers or commercial collection agencies for more aggressive action. Debtors have the option to verify, challenge and compromise claims, and have access to administrative appeals procedures which are both reasonable and protect the interests of the United States.

PROCUREMENT

Umatilla County understands that additional supplies and equipment may need to be purchased under this agreement to replace consumed, damaged, or lost supplies/equipment. Any items remaining at the end of the agreement will remain in the possession of APHIS-WS.

STIPULATIONS AND RESTRICTIONS:

1. All operations shall have the joint concurrence of APHIS-WS and Umatilla County, and shall be under the direct supervision of APHIS-WS. APHIS-WS will conduct the program in accordance with its established operating policies and all applicable state and federal laws and regulations.
2. APHIS-WS will cooperate with the Oregon Department of Fish and Wildlife, the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service, Oregon Department of Transportation, Oregon Fire marshal's Office, county and local city governments, and other entities to ensure compliance with Federal, State, and local laws and regulations.
3. Wildlife Damage Management: A Work Initiation Document for Wildlife Damage Management (WS Form 12A), a Work Initiation Document for Wildlife Damage Management – Multiple Resource Owners (WS Form 12B) or a Work Initiation Document for Management of Wildlife Damage on Urban Properties (WS Form 12C) will be executed between APHIS-WS and the landowner, lessee, or administrator before any APHIS-WS work is conducted.

COST ESTIMATE FOR SERVICES:

Salary, including possible overtime, benefits, vehicle, supplies, and material costs are charged at actual cost. The distribution of the budget for this work plan may vary as necessary to accomplish the purpose of this Agreement.

AUTHORIZATION:

Umatilla County
216 SE 4th
Pendleton, OR 97801

Representative, Umatilla County
TIN# 93-6001993

Date

UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE
ANIMAL AND PLANT HEALTH INSPECTION SERVICE
WILDLIFE SERVICES

Jeffrey B. Flores, State Director, Oregon

Date

Keith Wehner, Director, Western Region

Date

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