

AGENDA ITEM FOR ADMINISTRATIVE MEETING

( ) Discussion only

( X ) Action

FROM (DEPT/ DIVISION): Douglas R. Olsen  
County Counsel

SUBJECT: Approve Grant for Echo Community Benefit Plan

<p>Background: The Echo Community Benefit Plan committee is recommending funding of an additional grant for the community benefit plan for 2022. The grant is before the Board for approval.</p>	<p>Requested Action: Approve grant and adopt Order No. BCC2022-065</p>
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ATTACHMENTS: Committee Minutes; Proposed Order

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Checkoffs:

- ( ) Dept. Head (copy)
- ( ) Budget (copy)
- ( ) Fiscal
- ( X ) Legal (copy)
- ( ) (Other - List:)

To be notified of Meeting:  
Robert Pahl

Needed at Meeting:

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Scheduled for meeting on: December 21, 2022

Action taken:

ECHO COMMUNITY BENEFIT PLAN BOARD MINUTES

December 7, 2022

Present: Jeanie Hampton, Merle Gehrke, Tammie Williams, Diane Berry via phone, and Janie Enright. Commissioner George Murdock sent notification, by proxy, that he was in agreement to approve all requests received this date.

Tammie called the meeting to order and we briefly looked over the spreadsheets. One figure indicated that we have \$60,401.26 Net Available. (However, an email from Robert Pahl on Dec. 7<sup>th</sup> indicated that we have approximately \$55,000.00.)

**Requests for Funding:**

City of Echo – Request for \$2,770 for a Utility Fee Box in which patrons could deposit utility payments. Tammie questioned if this request actually met the Board’s Mission Statement for Community Livability. After Janie read the *Criteria for Application*, followed by discussion, Jeanie moved to reject it at this time. Merle 2<sup>nd</sup>. Motion carried.

**Request Denied**

City of Echo – Request for \$3,500 to offset replacement costs of the solid wood historic door at city hall. Merle questioned as to why the door required replacement, rather than checking into having it redone in order to maintain the historic value. Tammie pointed out, in addition, that there were no accompanying estimates or bid information to back up the original \$8,2000 replacement cost. Jeanie moved to table the request until more information is provided. Merle 2<sup>nd</sup>. Motion carried. **Request Tabled**

City of Echo Library - Request for \$5,400.00 to help fund the installation of new shelving in the children’s section. The fact arose during discussion that there were no accompanying quotes, invoices or receipts to back up the amount of funding requested. Diane moved to table the request until more information is provided. Merle 2<sup>nd</sup>. Motion carried.

**Request Tabled**

Echo Historic Museum – Request for \$10,000: \$800.00 for reinforcement and/or replacement of the fire escape door, as it is currently easy for someone unlock or break in. \$9,200.00 to construct a lean-to with plexiglass, in order to display a few items that are too large to place in the museum. After discussion, the following determinations were as follows; Merle moved that we approve up to \$2,000.00 to secure and/or replace the fire escape door. Jeanie 2<sup>nd</sup>. Motion carried. **Request Granted, with additional funding approved.**

Museum board members present at the meeting voluntarily withdrew the funding request for the Plexiglass Shed, as there is no backing evidence as to the actual cost of the project. They stated that they will re-apply at a later date with the proper paperwork. **Request Tabled**

**\*\*\* TOTAL FUNDING APPROVED AT THIS TIME; \$2,000.00\*\*\***

- Phase II of The Walking Trail Grant is scheduled to expire 12/31/22. Tammy moved to extend the grant. Janie 2<sup>nd</sup>. Motion carried.

Tammie moved to adjourn, Janie 2<sup>nd</sup>. Motion carried

Next meeting, April 5, 2023

Janie Enright, Secretary

**For the Record: (RE: Walking Trail Phase II)**

\$25,000.00 Beginning Balance  
Minus - \$ 396.00 Trail and Bench Signs (1/2021)  
Minus - \$ 3,000.00 Exercise Equipment (10/2021)  
Minus - \$17,500.00 Materials and Labor placing Benches and  
Exercise Equipment (April & July, 2022)

**Equals - \$4,104.00 Remaining in the Walking Trail, Phase II Fund** (Unsure at this time if the above amount is indicated in *Allocated Funds* or *Unallocated Funds*, but presume it appears somewhere in “Allocated” or “Remaining Grants”???)

THE BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS OF UMATILLA COUNTY

STATE OF OREGON

In the Matter of Approval                    )  
of Grants of 2022 Echo                    )     Order No. BCC2022-065  
Community Benefit Plan -                   )  
Second Round                                )

WHEREAS on January 1, 2010, the Echo Community Benefit Plan was formed by the Board of Commissioners;

WHEREAS the purpose of the Echo Community Benefit Plan is to serve as a conduit entity to allocate and distribute certain funds made available for local community projects, services or other benefits within the geographic area defined by the boundaries of the Echo School District, and initially is funded from payments received for the Echo Windfarms Project pursuant to the Community Services Fee provisions of the Oregon Strategic Investment Program that began in 2009, and which will continue to 2024;

WHEREAS the Echo Community Benefit Plan Board reviews grant requests for the funds and makes a recommendation to the Board of Commissioners for review and approval;

WHEREAS the Echo Community Benefit Plan Board has made recommendation of \$2,000 for a recipient of a 2022 grant for the funds received from the Echo Windfarms Project with an approximate balance of \$55,000;

WHEREAS this is the second round for 2022 grants;

WHEREAS on January 6, 2021, the Echo City Walking Trail Committee was awarded a grant of \$25,000 for Phase 2 of the Echo Walking Trail project; the board has recommended that the deadline for the remaining balance of the grant, \$4,104, be extended to December 31, 2023;

NOW THEREFORE, the Board of Commissioners orders:

A. The following distribution of Echo Community Benefit Plan funds is approved:

Echo Historic Museum - \$2,000  
Reinforcement and/or replacement of  
fire escape door

The project and improvement are to be completed by December 31, 2023. Each recipient shall execute acknowledgment for awarded funds. Funds will be distributed on reimbursement basis to recipients upon request and verification by recipient.

B. The deadline for the grant awarded pursuant to Order No. BCC2021-004 to the Echo City Walking Trail Committee for Phase 2 of the Echo Walking Trail project is extended to December 31, 2023, for the remaining funds of \$4,104.

DATED this 21<sup>st</sup> day of December, 2022.

UMATILLA COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS

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John M. Shafer, Chair

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Daniel N. Dorrان, Commissioner

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George L. Murdock, Commissioner

ATTEST:  
OFFICE OF COUNTY RECORDS

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Records Officer