

BEFORE THE BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS
FOR COLUMBIA COUNTY, OREGON

In the Matter of Authorizing the Allocation
of County Funds for Public Purposes- FY24
Donations

ORDER NO. 37 - 2023

WHEREAS, Ordinance No. 96-8 authorizes the Board of Commissioners to allocate County funds to private non-profit corporations upon the Board finding that such funds will be used to promote a public purpose; and

WHEREAS, a public purpose is any activity encouraged by the County which has the objective of enhancing the public health, safety, morals, general welfare, security, prosperity, and contentment of all the inhabitants or residents within the County; and

WHEREAS, on June 28, 2023, the Board of County Commissioner approved the FY 23-24 Budget, including donations to certain private non-profit corporations, which will be used to promote a public purpose; and

WHEREAS, the FY 23-24 Budget includes a \$5000 donation to the Community Action Team's Area Agency on Aging (AAA) Older Adult Services Program; and

WHEREAS, the Board of County Commissioners finds that a donation to the Community Action Team AAA Senior Program enhances the public health, safety, general welfare, prosperity and contentment of the residents of Columbia County by enhancing Meals on Wheels and other important community services to older adults in Columbia County; and

WHEREAS, the FY 23-24 Budget includes a \$5000 donation to the Columbia Pacific Food Bank; and

WHEREAS, the Board of County Commissioners finds that a donation to the Columbia Pacific Food Bank will enhances the public health, safety, general welfare, prosperity and contentment of the residents of Columbia County by reducing food insecurity for residents of Columbia County; and

WHEREAS, the FY 23-24 Budget includes a \$15000 donation to the United Way of Columbia County to manage the Retired Senior Volunteer Program (RSVP) in the County, a \$1000 donation to the United Way of Columbia County to support the RSVP My Fair Lady Pageant and luncheon; a \$500 donation to the United Way of Columbia County for other United Way programming, including educational, health and financial stability programs with the mission "*to increase the organized capacity for people to care for one another*" and a \$2600 donation to the United Way of Columbia County to support its Imagination Library Program; and

WHEREAS, the Board of County Commissioners finds that the donations to the United Way of Columbia County will promote positive educational, health and financial outcomes for the residents of Columbia County and therefore will enhance the general welfare, prosperity and contentment of the residents of the County; and

WHEREAS, the Lower Columbia Estuary Partnership (LCEP) has requested a donation in the amount of \$13,500 as a grant match for an eDNA *E.coli* Water Quality Study in the Milton Creek Watershed; and

WHEREAS, the Board of County Commissioners finds that a donation to the Lower Columbia Estuary Partnership (LCEP) will promote positive health outcomes for the residents of Columbia County and therefore will enhance the general welfare, prosperity and contentment of the residents of the County;

NOW, THEREFORE, THE BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS HEREBY ORDERS:


1. The Columbia County Finance Department shall issue payment to Community Action Team in the amount of \$5000 out of the Economic Development Fund, which shall be used solely for the Area Agency on Aging Older Adult Services Programs. No contract shall be required. Community Action Team shall report back to the Board of County Commissioners to establish that the donation was used for the intended purpose as described herein.
2. The Columbia County Finance Department shall issue payment to the Columbia Pacific Food Bank in the amount of \$5000 out of the Economic Development Fund, which shall be used solely for Columbia Pacific Food Bank programs to increase food security. No contract shall be required. The Columbia Pacific Food Bank shall report back to the Board of County Commissioners to establish that the donation was used for the intended purpose as described herein.
3. The Columbia County Finance Department shall issue payment to the United Way of Columbia County in the amount of \$19100 out of the Economic Development Fund, \$15000 of which shall be used to manage the Retired Senior Volunteer Program (RSVP), \$1000 of which shall be used for the My Fair Lady Pageant and RSVP luncheon; \$2600 of which shall be used for the Imagination Library; and \$500 of which shall be used for other United Way programming. A contract is in place for payment of the funds designated for the Retired Senior Volunteer Program (RSVP). No other contract shall be required.


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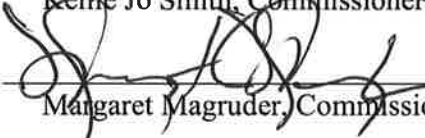
- 4. The Columbia County Finance Director shall issue payment to the Lower Columbia Estuary Partnership in the amount of \$13500 out of the Economic Development Fund, contingent upon receipt of a grant from the Oregon Watershed Enhancement Board for its eDNA *E.Coli* Water Quality Study in the Milton Creek Watershed. No contract shall be required. The Lower Columbia Estuary Partnership shall report back to the Board of County Commissioners to establish that the donation was used for its intended purpose.

DATED this 12 day of July, 2023.

BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS
FOR COLUMBIA COUNTY, OREGON

By: 
Casey Garrett, Chair

By: 
Kellie Jo Smith, Commissioner

By: 
Margaret Magruder, Commissioner

Approved as to form

By: 
Office of County Counsel