BEFORE THE BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS

FOR COLUMBIA COUNTY, OREGON

In the Matter of Authorizing the Allocation of County Funds for Public Purposes

ORDER NO. 71-2021

WHEREAS, the Covid-19 pandemic including the related closures, restrictions and expenses has caused significant financial hardship to businesses and 501(c)(3) non-profits throughout the County; and

WHEREAS, the Covid-19 pandemic has also created an increased demand for the services of 501(c)(3) entities; and

WHEREAS, the County has been granted CARES Act funds for the express purpose of making grants to business and 501(c)(3) non-profits to assist with pandemic related expenses; and

WHEREAS, the receipt of these grants will assist businesses and 501(c)(3) non-profits in their recovery from the pandemic so they can continue to contribute to the health and vitality of the County; and

WHEREAS, Ordinance 96-8 authorizes the Board of Commissioners to allocate County funds to private and non-profit corporations upon the Board finding that such funds will be used to promote a public purpose; and

WHEREAS, On December 29, 2021 The Board of Commissioners held a public hearing on the public purpose of these grants.

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

1. The grants to businesses and 501(c)(3) non-profits being made with these CARES Act funds promote a public purpose.

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2. The grant program shall continue as outlined in the grant documents and contract C103-2020 between Columbia County and Columbia County Economic Team, as amended, with all remaining grant funds to be committed as provided therein.

DATED this <u>29</u> day of <u>December</u>, 2021.

BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS FOR COLUMBIA COUNTY, OREGON By: Margaret Magruder, Chair By: NO PRESE Casey Garrett, Commissioner By:

Henry Heimuller, Commissioner

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