## BEFORE THE BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS

## FOR COLUMBIA COUNTY, OREGON

In the Matter of Authorizing the Allocation of County Funds for Public Purposes-Clatskanie Senior Citizens, Inc. Catering Kitchen

ORDER NO. 16-2022

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 March 23, 2022, Clatskanie Senior Citizens, Inc. requested that the Board of Commissioners donate \$20,000 to the private non-profit to fund the construction of a catering kitchen on the main floor of the Thomas J. Flippin House in Clatskanie, Oregon; and

WHERES, a copy of the request for a donation is attached hereto as Exhibit 1, and is incorporated herein by this reference; and

WHEREAS, the Board of County Commissioners finds that a donation to Clatskanie Senior Citizens, Inc. will promote economic development and tourism in Columbia County by helping to attract events and tourists to the Thomas J. Flippin House and thereby enhances the general welfare, prosperity and contentment of the residents of Columbia County;

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

- 1. The Columbia County Finance Department shall issue payment to Clatskanie Senior Citizens, Inc., in the amount of \$20,000, out of the Economic Development Fund, which shall be used solely for the construction of a main floor catering kitchen on the main floor of the Thomas J. Flippin House in Clatskanie, Oregon.
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2. No contract shall be required. Clatskanie Senior Citizens Inc. shall report back to the Board of County Commissioners to establish that the donation was used for the intended purpose as described herein.

DATED this 30 day of March . 2022.

Approved as to form By:

Office of County Counsel

BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS FOR COLUMBIA COUNTY, OREGON

By: Henry Heimuller, Chair By: Clasey Garrett, Commissioner By: garet Magruder, Commissioner

Clatskanie Senior Citizens PO Box 383 620 SW Tichenor Street Clatskanie, OR 97016



## Exhibit 1

The Castle Thomas J. Flippin House National Historic Preservation Site

March 5, 2022

Columbia County Board of Commissioners 230 Strand St. St. Helens, OR 97051

Dear Margaret, Henry, and Casey:

We so enjoyed showing you all we've accomplished at The Castle last week and much appreciated your encouraging words.

I know there is no need to tell you that economic prosperity is not a one-legged stool. Thanks in large part to your decisions, we have the prospect of a significant new high-valuation employer coming to north Columbia County. However, we must also find ways to support the small business community, and awaken both county residents and tourists to the many recreational and cultural assets throughout the county.

In Clatskanie, the public, private, and non-profit sectors have been working together to stimulate the small business and tourism segments of the economy by enhancing those assets, including improvements to our parks and the swimming pool, remodeling and reopening of the IOOF/ Clatskanie Cultural Center, the Clatskanie Arts Commission's continuing annual Performing Arts Series, the mural project, the revival of the Raymond Carver Writing Festival, and, of course, the restoration and expansion of opportunities at the Castle.

As we discussed during your visit, the ability to offer a variety of special events is essential to the long-term sustainability of the Castle and the services and programs of the Clatskanie Senior Citizens. The lack of a working kitchen on the main floor of the Castle is hampering our ability to serve refreshments or meals for the events we are hoping to host, and are already booking.

Therefore, we are formally requesting a Columbia County economic development grant to help us meet the approximately \$20,000 cost of completing the catering kitchen on the main floor of the Castle. Thank you so much for your consideration of this request.

Sincerely, acost thoroida

Deborah Hazen, director Clatskanie Senior Citizens, Inc. Board of Directors Ph. 503-338-8268 <u>dshazen13@gmail.com</u> Columbia County Board Of Commissioners

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