

BEFORE THE BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS
FOR COLUMBIA COUNTY, OREGON

In the Matter of Authorizing the Allocation
of County Funds for Public Purposes-
Columbia County Economic Team and
United Way

ORDER NO. 59-2025

WHEREAS, Ordinance No. 96-8, as amended by Ordinance No. 2023-6, authorizes the Board of Commissioners to allocate County funds to private non-profit corporations upon the Board's 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 25, 2025, the Board of County Commissioners approved the FY 25-26 Budget, including donations to certain private non-profit corporations, which will be used to promote a public purpose; and

WHEREAS, the FY 25-26 Budget includes a \$67,500 donation to the Columbia County Economic Team for economic development purposes; and

WHEREAS, the FY 25-26 Budget includes a \$30,000 donation to United Way of Columbia County for its RSVP program; and

WHEREAS, the Board of County Commissioners approved a permit with Columbia County Economic Team on October 9, 2024, authorizing Columbia County Economic Team to occupy the John Gumm Building and Civic Center for Columbia County Economic Team office space, at no cost; and

WHEREAS, the value of the permit is estimated to be \$12,864.60; and

WHEREAS, the Board of County Commissioners finds that a donation to Columbia County Economic Team enhances the public health, safety, general welfare, prosperity, and contentment of the residents of Columbia County by promoting economic development in the County; and

WHEREAS, the Board of County Commissioners finds that a donation to United Way of Columbia County promotes positive educational, health, and financial outcomes for the residents of Columbia County by providing senior volunteer services within the County;

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

1. The Columbia County Finance Department shall issue payment to the Columbia County Economic Team out of the Economic Development Fund in the amount of \$67,500 for economic development and further authorizes a donation of office space in the John Gumm building at no cost for economic development purposes. A Permit agreement shall continue to be required. Columbia County Economic 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 United Way of Columbia County out of the Economic Development Fund in the amount of \$30,000 for its RSVP program upon execution of a contract. United Way of Columbia County shall report back to the Board of County Commissioners to establish that the donation was used for the intended purposes described herein.

DATED this _____ day of _____, 2025.

BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS
FOR COLUMBIA COUNTY, OREGON

By: _____
Kellie Jo Smith, Chair

Approved as to form

By: _____
Office of County Counsel

By: _____
Casey Garrett, Commissioner

By: _____
Margaret Magruder, Commissioner