Commissioner Brim-Edwards Supportive Housing Services Unanticipated Revenue Amendments

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Amendment 1 Adding 24/7 Drop off Center Designation to Sobering Services

No budget impact

Adds a programmatic change to the withdrawal management and sobering services proposal to include 24/7 drop-off facility capacity. This recognizes the need for a return of a 24/7 facility for first responders instead of individuals being left on the street, booked into jail, or brought to an ambulance.

Amendment 2 Daytime Support Centers

No budget impact

Authorizes a \$750,000 grant each to Blanchet House and Rose Haven, given the density of population and need for daytime services. Both provide critical downtown services.

Amendment 3 Unite Oregon HOPE Housing Project

One-Time-Only (OTO) Funds: \$3.3 million in capital funding

Provides capital funds for the Unite Oregon HOPE Housing Project, a development of 20 units for Black, Indigenous, People of Color (BIPOC) families living in poverty and are either homeless or are at risk of becoming homeless. It includes wrap-around services, a child care center, a workforce and small business incubator, and an International Food Training Center.

This project is 9,000 square feet located in a critical space in East Portland (122nd Ave.) and brings a holistic approach of wrap-around services, co-located with Unite Oregon.

Amendment 4 Portland Street Response

One-Time-Only (OTO) Funds: \$5.5 million

Portland Street Response (PSR) operates as an alternative response model for individuals facing crisis on our streets, but who also are likely best served by a nonpolice response. As the County builds shelter capacity, it is a direct connection with a responding organization who can help de-escalate crisis situations and who can build connections and referrals to the shelter system and access to other services. In many ways, PSR is also a complementary service to the County's Project Respond program and will enhance alignment.

Amendment 5 Recovery and Stabilization Housing

One-Time-Only (OTO) Funds: \$12.5 million

Adds \$11,460,000 of one-time-only (OTO) capital funds to the Stabilization & Transitional Housing line item that is currently proposed at \$1,200,000 for stabilization housing. We need a significant capital investment to fund approximately 100-125 recovery and stabilization beds/units.

Amendment 6 Neighborhood-Driven Mitigation Fund:

One-Time-Only (OTO) Funds: \$1.18 million

Adds \$750,000 of new funds to the already proposed \$200,000 designated for Clean and Safe security near the Behavioral Health Resource Center (BHRC), and the \$232,000 for street level lighting enhancements in the central eastside.

The County and its providers of shelter and other services are creating significant impacts for their surrounding neighbors. These funds will help mitigate that impact by directing funds to create Good Neighbor Agreements, provide outreach services, trash pick-ups and employment opportunities near shelter or services locations across the community, not just at BHRC and the central eastside.