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Subject: Board Consideration: Grant Application for Rental Assistance Program Funding

Hi Mary and Laura,

I would like to request the Board's permission to apply for Rental Assistance Program funding from the Health Services Division (HSD), formerly Addictions and Mental Health Division (AMH). This funding will be in addition to the existing funding received through Mid-Valley Behavioral Care Network and, if accepted, will allow us to assist additional individuals with serious mental health illness to obtain housing. The grant request will be for approximately \$112,296 for an 18 month period beginning January 1, 2016. The grant will fund .15 FTE for a Residential Specialist and .15 FTE for a Peer Support Specialist and add funding for rental assistance voucher payments.

These funds are intended to assist adults with serious mental health illness to live as independently as possible in the community and access appropriate support services. Our target population will be individuals with serious mental illness who are transitioning from the Oregon State Hospital or licensed residential setting, or without supported housing are at risk of reentering licensed residential or hospital setting, or are homeless or at risk of becoming homeless, and have a history of criminal justice involvement. We will administer the program through our Community Support Services Division to work in conjunction with our jail diversion program to promote stabilization and reduce recidivism. The combination of housing and support services often increase independence and decrease overall cost to the public system through hospital and/or jail diversion activities.

If our grant application is successful, I will return to the Board to request ratification for the actual amount awarded. Please let me know if you have any questions.

Lucy, please place this item on this week's Board Agenda as add-on. Board agenda language "Authorize Silas Halloran-Steiner on behalf of Yamhill County Health and Human Services to apply for Rental Assistance Program funding through the Oregon Health Authority, Health Services Division."

Thanks!

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