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Douglas County and the Cow Creek Tribe Awarded New IMPACTS Grants

(Douglas County, Ore.) – The Douglas County Board of Commissioners are pleased to announce that through a collaboration, Douglas County and the Cow Creek Band of Umpqua Tribe of Indians have received significant grant awards as part of a new state grant program aimed at assisting individuals with mental illness and substance use disorder who cycle through the Jail, Emergency Department, the State Hospital and the streets without getting the help they need. The new grant program, called IMPACTS (Improving People’s Access to Community-based Treatment, Supports and Services), was authorized by the state Legislature in 2019. A total of \$9.7 million in IMPACTS funding was awarded to six Counties and five Tribes statewide.

Douglas County’s grant award was for \$1,431,085.59, and the Cow Creek Tribe was awarded \$404,024.50. The County and the Tribe collaborated in planning their respective proposals, which are complementary. The awards were announced last week by the state Criminal Justice Commission (CJC) and the Oregon Health Authority (OHA).

Douglas County’s IMPACTS grant will fund programs including the following:

- The formation of an Intensive Care Coordination (ICC) team housed under Adapt/Compass Behavioral Health to assist 247 high utilizers of the Douglas County Jail and Mercy Medical Center Emergency Department who have behavioral health issues. Umpqua Health Alliance (UHA) analyzed jail-booking data to identify this target population.
- The expansion of detox services.
- The creation of Crisis Resolution Rooms where people who are stabilizing following a mental health crisis can stay while connecting to resources.
- Grant will also contribute to the initial startup costs of the Sobering Center and support the Chadwick Clubhouse, which provides support to individuals with mental illness.

Douglas County’s IMPACTS proposal was the result of a highly collaborative, yearlong effort coordinated through the Douglas County Local Public Safety Coordinating Council (LPSCC), under the direction of Douglas County Commissioner Chris Boice. Key partners included Umpqua Health Alliance (UHA), Adapt/Compass, Mercy Medical Center, Douglas County Jail Leadership, Roseburg Police Department, the Douglas County Circuit Court Mental Health Court Judge and staff, NAMI, and others.

“Many of the chronic jail inmates and hospital patients are familiar faces to law enforcement, medical workers and residents,” said Douglas County Commissioner Chris Boice, who serves as LPSCC Chair. *“By addressing the core issues driving their behavior - mental illness and substance use disorder – this grant will change lives and save resources. This is a great example of our community partners working to find solutions.”*

“UHA is excited to collaborate on the IMPACTS project, and this is truly an example of an engaged community approach,” said UHA CEO Brent Eichman. *“This project has the potential to address underlying*



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issues that serve as barriers to people getting back on their feet and result in unnecessary costs to the system. UHA will continue to support this work, and is looking forward to the positive impact it will have on individuals and the local community.”

Cherie Barnstable, Clinical Director of Compass Behavioral Health, said, *“The IMPACTS grant award is the realization of a year-long collaboration to address the barriers of individuals who historically fall through the gaps of integrated care. Our community has been provided the valuable opportunity to continue to work in unison towards active outreach and engagement of this population and establishing vital resources that will aid in their stabilization and recovery.*

The Cow Creek Tribe’s IMPACTS program will focus on a smaller cohort of high utilizers who are Tribal members.

“Helping our Tribal communities safely divert people with behavioral health needs from continual emergency room visits and arrests has never been more important for Oregon’s Tribes,” said Dr. Sharon Stanphill, Chief Health Officer for the Cow Creek Band of Umpqua Tribe of Indians, who served on the statewide IMPACTS Grant Review Committee. *“This funding will make a huge difference, as our Tribal leaders and staff know culturally specific prevention and treatment services are critical for our members.”*

In January 2018, the Douglas County Board of Commissioners passed a [resolution](#) to join the nationwide ‘**Stepping Up Initiative**’ to reduce the number of people with mental illness in jails. Data show that as many as 34 percent of inmates booked into the Douglas County Jail have significant mental health issues. Local collaborative initiatives, such as Mobile Crisis and the Sobering Center, are helping to fill key gaps in Douglas County’s criminal justice/behavioral health services continuum. The new programs that will be funded by the County and the Cow Creek Tribe’s IMPACTS proposals mark significant strides toward a healthier and safer community.

For more information about the Douglas County Local Public Safety Coordinating Council (LPSCC) and the programs they coordinate, contact the Douglas County PIO, Tamara Howell for an interview with the Program Manager.

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