

BEFORE THE BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS OF LANE COUNTY, OREGON

ORDER NO: 21-05-11-05

In the Matter of Extending the Temporary Exception to Policy For Applying and Accepting Federal and State Grants, Appropriations, Allocations, or Other Fiscal Aid Arising from the COVID-19 Pandemic and 2020 Holiday Farm Fire

WHEREAS, ORS 401.305 provides authority for Lane County to act as an emergency management agency and includes authority to establish policies and protocols for defining and directing responsibilities during time of emergency; and

WHEREAS, the United States Congress and the Oregon Legislature are acting with rapidity to quickly provide response and recovery resources and to mitigate impacts to the economy as a result of the pandemic and wildfires across the state of Oregon; and

WHEREAS, the President of the United States has signed five pandemic response bills, with total funding in excess of \$3,900,000,000,000 and the most recent being the American Rescue Plan Act; and

WHEREAS, the Oregon Legislature and federal agencies continue to allocate significant funding for wildfire response and recovery; and

WHEREAS, state and federal COVID-19 and wildfire aid funding streams are varied and may come in a variety of forms, including but not limited to, passing through State agencies, direct allocations to Lane County, or via competitive applications; and

WHEREAS, Lane County staff have organized a management plan for identifying and applying for state and federal COVID-19 and wildfire recovery and aid funding opportunities; and

WHEREAS, the timing and volume of grant applications does not align well with the grants management procedures established by Lane Manual Chapter 20;

NOW, THEREFORE, the Board of County Commissioners of Lane County **ORDERS** as follows:

1. The County Administrator is authorized to exercise his discretion regarding the application and acceptance of federal and state coronavirus and wildfire response and recovery aid, whether it arises from direct appropriations, state allocations, or any other procedure outlined in legislative or administrative documents authorizing the recovery aid.
2. The County Administrator must regularly update the Board of Commissioners in a public Board of Commissioners meeting as to the current status of federal and state COVID-19 and Holiday Farm Fire response and recovery funding applied for, awarded and received by Lane County pursuant to this Order.
3. The authority granted the County Administrator under this Order supersedes the limitations on such authority under the Lane Manual.

4. The authority granted by this Order expires December 31, 2021 unless extended by the Lane County Board of Commissioners.

ADOPTED this 11th day of May, 2021.



Joe Berney, Chair
Lane County Board of Commissioners

APPROVED AS TO FORM

Date



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