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RESOLUTION NO. 2022-26

**A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY OF LINCOLN CITY AUTHORIZING AND APPROVING A
NON-BINDING DECLARATION OF COOPERATION WITH LINCOLN COUNTY, THE
CONFEDERATED TRIBES OF SILETZ INDIANS, THE CITIES OF DEPOE BAY, NEWPORT,
SILETZ, TOLEDO, WALDPOR, YACHATS AND OTHERS, TO INITIATE CERTAIN
ACTIONS REQUIRED UNDER HOUSE BILL 4123 TO CREATE A COORDINATED
HOMELESS RESPONSE SYSTEM.**

WHEREAS, Lincoln County is one of the eight counties to receive \$1,000,000 pursuant to HB 4123, to create a coordinated homeless response system; and

WHEREAS, House Bill 4123 requires that an advisory board be created with representatives from the governing bodies of each participating member of government; and

WHEREAS, the City of Lincoln City supports the creation of a coordinated homeless response system, approves of the attached Declaration of Cooperation, and looks forward to entering into an Intergovernmental Agreement between participating communities and non-profits to address the requirements of HB 4123.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF LINCOLN CITY, AS FOLLOWS:

Section 1. The recitals set forth above are true and correct and incorporated herein by this reference.

Section 2. The Declaration of Cooperation, attached hereto as Exhibit A and made a part hereof by this reference, is hereby approved as a non-legally binding statement of good faith to initiate certain actions required under House Bill 4123, a bill that provides grant funding in the amount of \$1,000,000 to eight counties in Oregon to create coordinated homeless response systems.

Section 3. The City of Lincoln City hereby appoints Judy Casper as the City's representative to the Advisory Board required by HB 4123 and appoints Mitch Parsons as the City's alternate representative.

Section 4. This Resolution is effective as of the date of its adoption.

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PASSED AND APPROVED by the City Council of the City of Lincoln City,
Oregon, this 11th day of July, 2022.



SUSAN WAHLKE
MAYOR

ATTEST:



JAMIE YOUNG
CITY RECORDER

APPROVED AS TO FORM



RICHARD APPICE
CITY ATTORNEY

**DECLARATION OF COOPERATION
PRELIMINARY STEPS TO DEVELOP A HOMELESS RESPONSE SYSTEM FOR
LINCOLN COUNTY**

Introduction and Purpose of this Declaration of Cooperation

This declaration of cooperation is a non-legally binding statement of good faith to initiate certain actions required under House Bill 4123, a bill that provides grant funding in the amount of \$1,000,000 to eight counties in Oregon to create coordinated homeless response systems. Lincoln County is one of the eight counties to receive \$1,000,000 of funding for this purpose.

House Bill 4123 requires that an advisory board be created with representatives from the governing bodies of each participating member of government. The governing bodies that are invited to participate on the advisory board include the Confederated Tribes of Siletz Indians, Lincoln County, and the cities of Depoe Bay, Lincoln City, Newport, Siletz, Toledo, Waldport and Yachats.

On Wednesday June 22, 2022 a meeting was convened among local units of government to discuss implementation of House Bill 4123. At this meeting there was a consensus to take several initial steps in order to implement the requirements of HB 4123. The financial administration of this grant will be handled by the Lincoln County Health and Human Services Department. Lincoln County will proceed with a request for proposals to hire a consultant to help create the establishment of the coordinated Homeless Response Office and a second consultant to formulate the creation of a 5-year strategic plan. It was the consensus of the group that a declaration of cooperation be drafted and sent to Lincoln County, the Confederated Tribes of Siletz, and all the cities of Lincoln County to determine who is able and willing to participate on a preliminary advisory committee to help guide this process. A formal agreement has to be entered into with participating communities and non-profit corporations within 90 days of receipt of the grant funding by Lincoln County. The preliminary advisory committee established through this declaration of cooperation will meet to address the requirements that fall within the first 90 days following receipt of the grant funding. It is likely that a formal agreement and successor advisory board will be created at the conclusion of this 90-day timeframe.

Required Timetables for Implementing House Bill 4123 Requirements

House Bill 4123 requires counties receiving the grant funding to conduct various activities during certain prescribed time frames. These requirements are as follows:

1. Within 90 days of receiving the grant funding enter into an agreement among member governments and non-profit corporations, if any, to create a coordinated homeless response system that consists of, at a minimum;
 - a. The establishment of a coordinated homeless response office.
 - b. An advisory board with representatives from the governing body of each member of government.

- c. Specific roles of each member to support the advisory board and office.
 - d. Plans for coordination with any local continuum of care receiving funding under 24C.F.R.part578.
 - e. Establishment of a centralized point of contact for the office.
2. No later than November 15, 2023 each coordinated homeless response system shall provide a report to the Housing and Community Services Department, Oregon Housing Stability Council, and one or more appropriate interim committees of the legislative assembly in the manner provided in ORS 192.245 describing any goals adopted, changes in services, and challenges and opportunities in addressing homelessness services and planning, needs for technical assistance, and addressing racial disparities.
3. Within one year of receiving a grant under this section, a coordinated homeless response system, through the advisory board or each member of government to the agreement shall adopt a 5-year strategic plan that will identify and set goals for addressing funding to support operations, increasing or streamlining resources and services, incorporating national best practices for ending homelessness, eliminating racial disparities, and creating pathways to permanent and supportive housing.
4. By November 15, 2024 each coordinated homeless response system shall provide a second annual report to the Housing and Community Services Department, Oregon Housing Stability Council, and one or more appropriate interim committees of the legislative assembly in the manner provided in ORS 192.245 describing any goals adopted, changes in services, and challenges and opportunities in addressing homelessness services and planning, needs for technical assistance, and addressing racial disparities.

Declaration of Cooperation Commitments

Lincoln County, the Confederated Tribes of Siletz Indians, and the Cities of Depoe Bay, Lincoln City, Newport, Siletz, Toledo, Waldport and Yachats are invited to participate on a preliminary advisory committee to implement preliminary steps to develop a Homeless Response System for Lincoln County. Each participating government is requested to have their governing body approve this Declaration of Cooperation and name a governing body member and an alternate governing body member to participate in the tasks described below.

During the first 90 days following receipt of the grant funding the advisory committee will guide the development of an agreement among member governments and non-profit corporations to create a coordinated homeless response system that consists of the establishment of a coordinated homeless response office, an advisory board with representation from the governing body of each member of government, specific roles of each member organization to support the advisory board and office, plans for coordinating any local continuum of care receiving funding under 24C.F.R.part578 and establishing a centralized point of contact for the office.

The advisory committee will be seated through the initial development of the items described in the declaration of cooperation commitments. A successor advisory board will be created under the terms of the Coordinated Homeless Response Agreement developed with the advisory committee following this 90-day period. Those governmental units electing to continue participating in this effort will be asked at that time to enter into a Coordinated Homeless Response Agreement for Lincoln County through the duration of the grant period.

Signed *Susan Kay Walker*
(Mayor, Chair)

Signed _____
(Recorder, Secretary)

Enrolled House Bill 4123

Sponsored by Representatives KROPF, WILLIAMS, Senator PATTERSON, Representatives EVANS, GOMBERG, HOY, SMITH G, ZIKA, Senators ANDERSON, ARMITAGE, GELSER BLOUIN, HANSELL, KNOPP, THOMSEN; Representatives ALONSO LEON, CAMPOS, DEXTER, FAHEY, GRAYBER, HIEB, LEVY, MARSH, MOORE-GREEN, NOBLE, NOSSE, REYNOLDS, SOSA, WEBER (Pre-session filed.)

CHAPTER

AN ACT

Relating to coordinated homeless response systems; and declaring an emergency.

Whereas the lack of available housing, high rents and high home prices are driving rapid increases in housing instability and homelessness in Oregon; and

Whereas Oregon has experienced a significant increase in the number of people experiencing homelessness and unsheltered homelessness; and

Whereas funding, resources and services to address homelessness in Oregon are not scaled to meet this need; and

Whereas the lack of housing affordability and availability in Oregon cannot be addressed without cross-jurisdictional collaboration; and

Whereas communities require coordinated leadership and governance to identify local needs and centralize communication, policy and services to end homelessness; now, therefore,

Be It Enacted by the People of the State of Oregon:

SECTION 1. (1) The Oregon Department of Administrative Services shall provide grants to local governments and nonprofit corporations that agree to, within 90 days of receipt of grant funding, enter into an agreement among the member governments and nonprofit corporations, if any, to create a coordinated homeless response system that consists of, at a minimum:

- (a) The establishment of a coordinated homeless response office;**
- (b) An advisory board with representation from the governing body of each member government;**
- (c) Specific roles of each member to support the advisory board and office;**
- (d) Plans for coordination with any local continuum of care receiving funding under 24 C.F.R. part 578; and**
- (e) The establishment of a centralized point of contact for the office.**

(2) Grants provided under this section shall be used by the coordinated homeless response system to:

- (a) Hire necessary staff for the office;**
- (b) Support coordinated communications and public engagement;**
- (c) Support community outreach and policy development, including stipends for people with current or recent lived experience of homelessness;**

(d) Acquire technical assistance and capacity building, including contracting with consultants; and

(e) Pay for other expenses reasonably necessary to meet the requirements under this section.

(3) Within one year of receiving a grant under this section, a coordinated homeless response system, through the advisory board or each member government to the agreement, shall adopt a five-year strategic plan that will identify and set goals for addressing:

(a) Funding to support the ongoing operations of the coordinated homeless response system;

(b) Increasing or streamlining resources and services to people at risk of or experiencing homelessness within the participating cities and counties;

(c) Incorporating national best practices for ending homelessness;

(d) Eliminating racial disparities within homeless services within the service area; and

(e) Creating pathways to permanent and supportive housing that is affordable to local populations experiencing or at risk of homelessness.

(4) No later than November 15, 2023, and September 15, 2024, each coordinated homeless response system shall provide a report to the Housing and Community Services Department, Oregon Housing Stability Council and one or more appropriate interim committees of the Legislative Assembly in the manner provided in ORS 192.245 on:

(a) The goals adopted in the five-year strategic plan and the progress made in implementing the plan;

(b) Other changes in homelessness services, ordinances of member governments relating to homelessness and partnerships or programs established that are specifically related to member government actions arising out of the agreement; and

(c) Identified challenges and opportunities relating to:

(A) Regional coordination of homelessness services and planning;

(B) Needs for technical assistance regarding program development or other programs from the Housing and Community Services Department; and

(C) Addressing racial disparities through partnerships with culturally specific and responsive organizations serving populations overrepresented in experiencing homelessness, including Black, Indigenous, People of Color, federally recognized tribes and tribal members and outreach and engagement with these populations.

(5) In performing tasks under this section, a coordinated homeless response system shall coordinate with and develop partnerships with local and regional stakeholders, including, but not limited to:

(a) Advocates for people experiencing homelessness and for people with lived experience of homelessness;

(b) Community action agencies;

(c) Housing authorities;

(d) Affordable housing providers;

(e) Behavioral health providers;

(f) Law enforcement;

(g) Educational agency liaisons for homeless children as described in 42 U.S.C. 11432;

(h) Local Department of Human Services offices;

(i) Courts;

(j) Legal aid;

(k) Coordinated care organizations, as described in ORS 414.572;

(L) Emergency shelter providers;

(m) Homeless service providers;

(n) Organizations serving and advocating for veterans, homeless youth, youth exiting the foster care system, individuals exiting the criminal justice system, people with disabilities and aging adults, health care systems, domestic violence and sexual assault survivors,

members of lesbian, gay, bisexual, transgender, queer or questioning (LGBTQ) communities, people experiencing behavioral health and substance use disorders, faith communities and business communities; and

(o) The Housing and Community Services Department.

(6) In performing its duties under this section, a coordinated homeless response system shall coordinate with law enforcement, service providers and governing bodies to implement safe and humane processes to maintain public and environmental health and safety, balancing important individual and community rights.

(7) A coordinated homeless response system may use grant funds in excess of those funds needed by the system to accomplish the requirements of the system under subsections (1) to (6) of this section to support the delivery of homeless services and shelter consistent with the five-year strategic plan, including through contracts with service providers.

SECTION 2. Section 1 of this 2022 Act is repealed on January 2, 2025.

SECTION 3. In addition to and not in lieu of any other appropriation, there is appropriated to the Oregon Department of Administrative Services, for the biennium ending June 30, 2023, out of the General Fund, to provide grants under section 1 of this 2022 Act for a coordinated homeless response system:

(1) \$1,000,000 to Benton County for a response system consisting of Benton County, the City of Corvallis and any other parties to the agreement forming the response system.

(2) \$1,000,000 to Coos County for a response system consisting of Coos County, the City of Coos Bay, the City of North Bend and any other parties to the agreement forming the response system.

(3) \$1,000,000 to Deschutes County for a response system consisting of Deschutes County, the City of Bend, the City of La Pine, the City of Redmond and the City of Sisters.

(4) \$1,000,000 to Lincoln County for a response system consisting of Lincoln County, the City of Lincoln City, the City of Newport, the City of Toledo and any other parties to the agreement forming the response system.

(5) \$1,000,000 to the Mid-Columbia Community Action Council for a response system consisting of the Mid-Columbia Community Action Council, Hood River County, Sherman County, Wasco County, the City of The Dalles, the City of Hood River and any other parties to the agreement forming the response system.

(6) \$1,000,000 to Polk County for a response system consisting of Polk County, the City of Dallas, the City of Falls City, the City of Independence, the City of Monmouth, the City of Willamina, the Confederated Tribes of the Grand Ronde, Mid-Willamette Valley Community Action Agency and any other parties to the agreement forming the response system.

(7) \$1,000,000 to Tillamook County for a response system consisting of Tillamook County, the City of Tillamook, Bay City, the City of Garibaldi, the City of Rockaway Beach, the City of Wheeler, the City of Manzanita, Tillamook County Community Action Resources Enterprises, Inc. and any other parties to the agreement forming the response system.

(8) \$1,000,000 to Umatilla County for a response system consisting of Umatilla County, the City of Umatilla, the City of Stanfield, the City of Echo, the City of Hermiston and any other parties to the agreement forming the response system.

SECTION 4. This 2022 Act being necessary for the immediate preservation of the public peace, health and safety, an emergency is declared to exist, and this 2022 Act takes effect on its passage.

Passed by House March 2, 2022

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Timothy G. Sekerak, Chief Clerk of House

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Dan Rayfield, Speaker of House

Passed by Senate March 3, 2022

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Peter Courtney, President of Senate

Received by Governor:

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Approved:

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Kate Brown, Governor

Filed in Office of Secretary of State:

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Shemia Fagan, Secretary of State