

AGENDA ITEM FOR ADMINISTRATIVE MEETING

( ) Discussion only  
( X ) Action

FROM (DEPT/ DIVISION): Douglas R. Olsen  
County Counsel

SUBJECT: Approve Grants for Echo Community Benefit Plan

<p>Background: The Echo Community Benefit Plan committee is recommending funding of four grants for the community benefit plan for 2023. The grants are before the Board for approval.</p>	<p>Requested Action: Approve grants and adopt Order No. BCC2023-019</p>
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ATTACHMENTS: Committee Minutes; Proposed Order

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Checkoffs:

- ( ) Dept. Head (copy)
- ( ) Budget (copy)
- ( ) Fiscal
- ( X ) Legal (copy)
- ( ) (Other - List:)

To be notified of Meeting:  
Robert Pahl

Needed at Meeting:

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Scheduled for meeting on: April 26, 2023

Action taken:

## ECHO COMMUNITY BENEFIT PLAN BOARD MINUTES

April 12, 2023

Present: Jeanie Hampton, Merle Gehrke, Tammie Williams, Diane Berry, Cindy Harvey, Delbert Gehrke, Commissioner Dan Dorran and Janie Enright. Absent, Tracy Broyles. Also in attendance was Justin Morris, Echo Fire Board Member, to present in person a request for funding by the fire department.

Tammie called the meeting to order and advised us that we have a balance of \$55,800.00 available for distribution, and that this fall we will receive the last of the money from the current windmills, (Approx. \$10,000 - \$15,000). Robert Pahl gave her a list of grant money still out there that may either be spent, or put back into our account. The following items are listed below, with notations on the side by Janie, after a little investigation:

- 2019 – Echo School District - \$10,000.00 for a BBQ Trailer (*Delbert is going to check with the Superintendent*).
- 2019 – City of Echo - \$284.00 balance after funding for Web Page Development. (*April 8, 2021 Minutes indicate that, as per City Manager, the City of Echo had “returned” \$284.00 unused funds to the County*).
- 2021 – City of Echo - \$4,104.00 remaining in Walking Trail, Phase II. (*The Board voted to extend this amount at the December, 2022 meeting*).
- 2022 – Echo Fire Dept. – \$1,605.36 remaining for Heat-Sensing Cameras. (*The F.D. bookkeeper, upon contact, searched her records and stated that she sent a letter to the County on 8/12/2022 stating that the fire district was relinquishing the amount of \$1,605.36. According to the bookkeeper, the original request was for \$10,790.00. Actual funds expended, \$9,184.64*).
- 2022 – Echo Museum – Granted \$2,000.00 Dec., 2022 to fix fire escape door. (*This is a current project*).

### Requests for Funding:

Echo F.D. – \$7,500.00 for a new flatbed to put on a Quick Response Pick-up in order to better attach a water tank and tool box for firefighting equipment. Diane moved to approve the request, Janie 2<sup>nd</sup>. Motion carried.

Echo F.D. - \$7,500.00 for a portable monitor, which is designed to aid in fighting fires with limited personnel. Diane moved, Jeanie 2<sup>nd</sup> to approve the request. Motion carried.

City of Echo – \$2,500.00 to help purchase Christmas lights and decorations for Main Street. Jeanie moved, Delbert 2<sup>nd</sup> to approve the request. Motion carried.

City of Echo – \$6,000.00 to offset replacement costs of the old, wooden historic door at city hall. Janie moved, Merle 2<sup>nd</sup> to approve the request. Motion carried with 4 yeas, 1 nay and 1 abstention.

Prior to voting on the replacement door for Echo City Hall, a question arose as to whether or not the Council had approved the replacement. This brought to light that entities requesting funding have never been required to furnish “Proof of Approval” by their boards. Therefore, at the August meeting we will discuss Bylaws, Mission Statement and Request Forms.

Delbert moved to adjourn, Jeanie 2<sup>nd</sup>. Motion carried.

Sincerely, Janie Enright  
Secretary

THE BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS OF UMATILLA COUNTY

STATE OF OREGON

In the Matter of Approval )  
of Grants of 2023 Echo ) Order No. BCC2023-019  
Community Benefit Plan - )  
First Round )

WHEREAS on January 1, 2010, the Echo Community Benefit Plan was formed by the Board of Commissioners;

WHEREAS the purpose of the Echo Community Benefit Plan is to serve as a conduit entity to allocate and distribute certain funds made available for local community projects, services or other benefits within the geographic area defined by the boundaries of the Echo School District, and initially is funded from payments received for the Echo Windfarms Project pursuant to the Community Services Fee provisions of the Oregon Strategic Investment Program that began in 2009, and which will continue to 2024;

WHEREAS the Echo Community Benefit Plan Board reviews grant requests for the funds and makes a recommendation to the Board of Commissioners for review and approval;

WHEREAS the Echo Community Benefit Plan Board has made recommendation of \$23,500 for recipients of 2023 grants for the funds received from the Echo Windfarms Project with an approximate balance of \$55,800;

WHEREAS this is the first round for 2023 grants.

NOW THEREFORE, the Board of Commissioners orders that the following distribution of Echo Community Benefit Plan funds is approved:

Echo Fire Department - \$7,500  
Flatbed for Quick Response pickup

Echo Fire Department - \$7,500  
Portable monitor

City of Echo - \$2,500  
Main Street Christmas lights and decorations

City of Echo - \$6,000  
City hall door replacement

The projects and improvements are to be completed by December 31, 2023. Each recipient shall execute acknowledgment for awarded funds. Funds will be distributed on reimbursement basis to recipients upon request and verification by recipient.

DATED this 26<sup>th</sup> day of April, 2023.

UMATILLA COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS

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Daniel N. Dorran, Chair

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John M. Shafer, Commissioner

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Celinda A. Timmons, Commissioner

ATTEST:  
OFFICE OF COUNTY RECORDS

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Records Officer