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**DESCHUTES COUNTY
DISCRETIONARY GRANT PROGRAM APPLICATION**

Today's Date	09/22/2016	Project	CET Governance Legislative Concept
Project Beginning Date	9/22/2016	Project End Date	6/30/2017
Amount Requested	\$1,000	Date Funds Needed	Upon Approval
Name of Applicant Organization	Central Oregon Intergovernmental Council (COIC)		
Address	334 NE Hawthorne Avenue		
City & Zip Code	Bend, OR 97701	Tax ID #	
Contact Name(s)	Commissioner Alan Unger	Telephone #	541-388-6569
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On a separate sheet(s), please briefly answer the following questions:

1. Describe the applicant organization, including its purpose, leadership structure, and activities.
2. Describe the proposed project or activity.
3. Provide a timeline for completing the proposed project or activity.
4. Explain how the proposed project or activity will positively impact the community.
5. Identify the specific communities or groups that will benefit.
6. Describe how grant funds will be used and include the source and amounts of matching funds or in-kind contributions, if any. Itemize anticipated expenditures*.
7. If the grant will support an ongoing activity, explain how it will be funded in the future.

Attach:

Proof of the applicant organization's non-profit status.

* Applicant may be contacted during the review process and asked to provide a complete line item budget.

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NARRATIVE

1. Applicant Organization

The mission of the Central Oregon Intergovernmental Council (COIC) is to “serve the local governments of Central Oregon by providing regional collaboration, efficiencies, and service delivery for a strong local economy and quality of life.”

In 1972, COIC was designated a Council of Governments organized under ORS 190. The organization provide services to the counties of Crook, Deschutes and Jefferson and the cities of Bend, Culver, La Pine, Madras, Metolius, Prineville, Redmond and Sisters. Offices are located throughout Central Oregon and in Klamath Falls and Lakeview. COIC employs more than 100 people and provides services in the following areas: employment and training, alternative high school education, business loans, transportation, and community and economic development. The majority of the COIC Board is comprised of elected officials appointed by each of these member governments. Other appointed members of the Board are from private business, Post-Secondary Education, and Chambers of Commerce. A roster of current board members is attached.

2. Proposed Project

COIC is proposing that the Oregon legislature approve changes to ORS 190.083 within the 2017 legislative session to allow it, as an intergovernmental organization formed under ORS 190, to offer a permanent or local option levy to voters in one or more Central Oregon communities. The preliminary legislative concept has been structured to allow communities to have the opportunity to develop dedicated transit funding, while retaining the regional Cascades East Transit (CET) system under COIC governance. Any new funding could only be enacted upon a vote of the people. A more detailed description of the concept is attached.

With this application, COIC (via Deschutes County Commissioner Unger) is seeking funding to assist with the process of developing, submitting, and promoting such legislation.

3. Timeline

While development of the legislative concept has begun, the effort is expected to continue throughout the 2017 legislative session.

4. Impact

CET is used by many Deschutes County citizens to travel to work, school, medical and social services, and commercial businesses. Adoption of the proposed legislation will allow citizens to assume greater control of local public transit services within their communities, potentially expanding these opportunities in areas of high need.

5. Beneficiaries

Users of the CET system will be the primary beneficiaries of the project. However, all Central Oregon residents will benefit by having a more robust public transit system with increased local control and more stable funding.

6. Use of Funds

Funds will be used for professional services to assist with developing, submitting, monitoring, and promoting the proposed legislation.

7. Sustainability

All funds awarded will be used during the project period only.



Central Oregon Intergovernmental Council

334 NE Hawthorne Ave. Bend, OR 97701 541-548-8163 www.coic.org

To: Deschutes County Court
From: Karen Friend, Interim Executive Director
Date: July 26, 2016
Re: CET Governance Legislative Concept

Summary of Proposed ORS 190 Concept

COIC proposes that the Oregon legislature approve changes to ORS 190.083 within the 2017 legislative session to allow COIC as an intergovernmental organization formed under ORS 190 to propose a permanent or local option levy to voters in one or more Central Oregon communities. The concept would be structured so that communities will have the opportunity to develop dedicated transit funding while retaining the regional CET system under COIC governance. Specific components of this concept include:

- Only certain ORS 190 organizations would be authorized to propose property tax funded operating levies for transit operations within areas served by the organization.
 - Limited to ORS 190 organizations that are direct recipients of federal transit funding.
- This legislation would grant eligible ORS 190 organizations the authorities and powers of transportation districts, as defined within ORS 267.
- COIC's board of directors would be authorized to serve as the governance body of the property tax funded system.
- Only upon action by both the COIC board of directors and the city council(s)/board of commissioners within the proposed taxing boundaries, would COIC proceed in proposing a voter approved operating levy. The election process would mirror and align with the existing processes for establishing an operating levy within a district.
- Levy must be expended within the geographic area approved through the vote, and can only be used for the purposes specified in the measure.
- Allows authority to propose different rates in different communities, allowing for the tailoring of service levels and local investment to align with community needs and priorities.

Primary Benefit of Proposed ORS 190 Concept

- Protects current coordinated system from fragmenting into multiple transit districts which could be an outcome if one City needed property tax before other Cities were ready.
- Retains one government entity with one management staff and one Board, creating economies of scale.
- Promotes regional cooperation of equitable use of dollars for transit instead of competitive environment and turf issues.
- Assures development of each Cities transit aligns with each Cities plan for development.
- Allows each City to choose funding tool for transit including, but not limited to property tax.
- Limits the applicability to ORS 190 organizations that have met a very high threshold of administrative and financial capacity. At this time COIC would be the only eligible organization.

Requested Action

COIC requests that the Deschutes County Court by consensus support the ORS 190 legislative concept.

COIC Board Members

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Prineville, OR 97754

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Alternate: Seth Crawford, (p): 541-447-6555

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Madras, OR 97741

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Alternate: Mike Ahern, (p): 541-475-2449

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Lonny Macy, Community and Economic Development Planner

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Alternate: Nancy Diaz

City of Madras

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Madras, OR 97741

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Alternate: Richard Ladeby, (p): 541-475-2344

City of Prineville (Chair)

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Prineville, OR 97754

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Appointed – Private Sector

Deschutes County

Mt. Bachelor

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Appointed – Private Sector

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City of Bend

710 NW Wall

Bend, OR 97701

Sally Russell, Councilor, (p): 541-388-5505

Alternate: Doug Knight, (p): 541-388-5505

City of La Pine

P.O. Box 3055,

La Pine, OR 97739

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Alternate: Kathy Agan, (p): 541-536-1432

City of Metolius

636 Jefferson Ave.

Metolius, OR 97741

Bill Reynolds, Mayor, (p): 541-815-3717

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Redmond, OR 97756

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Alternate: Anne Graham, (p): 971-563-2064

Appointed – Private Sector

Deschutes County

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Appointed – Public Sector

Deschutes County

Central Oregon Community College

2600 NW College Way

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David Dona, (p): 541-233-6959

461.512 Management of lottery moneys received by county; report on use of moneys. (1)

For purposes of this section:

(a) "Dedicated fund" means a fund in the county treasury, or a separate account in the county treasury, that is dedicated, appropriated or set aside for purposes that further economic development.

(b) "Furthering economic development" has the meaning given that term in ORS 461.540.

(2)(a) When a county receives moneys that are derived either directly or indirectly from funds from the State Lottery Fund under section 4, Article XV of the Oregon Constitution, and ORS chapter 461, and the moneys are to be used for the purpose of furthering economic development, the county:

(A) Shall deposit the moneys into a dedicated fund; and

(B) May use a reasonable portion of the moneys to employ a person to manage the moneys in the dedicated fund, make the report required by subsection (3) of this section, verify that moneys are used for purposes that further economic development in the county and provide technical assistance to persons or entities receiving disbursements from the dedicated fund.

(b) Moneys received as described in this subsection may not be placed in the general fund of the county.

(3) On or before October 1 of each year, each county that has received moneys as described in subsection (2) of this section shall file a report with the Oregon Department of Administrative Services for posting on the Oregon transparency website as provided in ORS 184.483 stating:

(a) The amount of moneys received by the county as described in subsection (2) of this section;

(b) The purpose and use of moneys that have been disbursed from the dedicated fund during the prior calendar or fiscal year; and

(c) Work and services provided by the person employed under subsection (2) of this section.
[2011 c.385 §1]

Note: 461.512 was enacted into law by the Legislative Assembly but was not added to or made a part of ORS chapter 461 or any series therein by legislative action. See Preface to Oregon Revised Statutes for further explanation.

461.547 Distribution of certain video lottery revenues to counties for economic development.

(1) The Oregon State Lottery Commission shall transfer an amount equal to 2.5 percent of the net receipts from video lottery games allocated to the Administrative Services Economic Development Fund to counties for economic development activities. Ninety percent of the moneys shall be distributed to each county in proportion to the gross receipts from video lottery games from each county. Ten percent of the moneys shall be distributed in equal amounts to each county.

(2) As used in this section:

(a) "Gross receipts from video lottery games" means the amount of money inserted into video lottery games plus the value of any free game prizes used by players for subsequent games.

(b) "Net receipts from video lottery games" means the amount of money that is received from the operation of video lottery games after the payment of prizes but prior to any other payment. [1991 c.461 §94; 1993 c.18 §118a; 2003 c.734 §§10,10a; 2007 c.51 §1]