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Memorandum Date: July 28, 2011
Order Date: August 17th, 2011
CONSENT Calendar

TO: Board of County Commissioners
DEPARTMENT: Youth Services
PRESENTED BY: Matthew Stemer
AGENDA ITEM TITLE: IN THE MATTER OF SUBMITTING FOUR APPLICATIONS FOR TITLE II FUNDS TO THE FOREST SERVICE AND BUREAU OF LAND MANAGEMENT FOR YOUTH WORK CREW IN THE DEPARTMENT OF YOUTH SERVICES

I. MOTION

Move to approve order in the matter of submitting four applications for Title II funds to the Forest Service and Bureau of Land Management for Youth Work Crew in the Department of Youth Services.

II. AGENDA ITEM SUMMARY

Requesting approval to apply for project funding for continued restoration of public lands while providing meaningful work for the Juvenile Forest Work Team (JFWT) at Youth Services, MLK Education Center (MLK). The objective of the project proposal is to assist in providing youth employment training, salaries, transportation, coordination, tools and supplies to accomplish the work in a professional manner.

The Department of Youth Services will request project approval from the Eugene BLM for \$120,750 and from the Siuslaw National Forest \$28,500. We have also received recommendation for funding from the Rogue-Umpqua National Forest \$15,000, and from the Willamette National Forest \$84,500 for the Juvenile Forest Work Team.

III. BACKGROUND/IMPLICATIONS OF ACTION

A. Board Action and Other History

Title II funds are being used to fund the Department of Youth Services Juvenile Forest Work Crew operations. This partnership began in 2001 and continues to be of mutual benefit to the National Forests, community, and youth and families that are served at Youth Services. These projects utilize the labor of juvenile offenders while

simultaneously training them to acquire valuable job skills. The work performed enhances public lands, improves habitat and reduces risk of wildfires. Juvenile workers are paid to be on crews and have the ability to pay restitution to the victims of their crimes. The Board has supported Youth Services applications for Title II funding for youth work crew since 2003.

B. Policy Issues

There are no new policy issues. These Title II project requests are within current policy and practice.

C. Financial and/or Resource Considerations

The FY 11-12 awards provide \$248,750 in funding for Martin Luther King, Jr. Education Center vocational programming in Fund 260. Specifically, this funding provides 2.50 FTE, \$30,000 for youth stipends and support services, \$20,000 for restitution and \$20,000 for tools and equipment. These funds were anticipated and are budgeted for in the County FY 11-12 Adopted Budget.

D. Analysis

Youth Services presents project proposals to district Resource Advisory Committees (RAC) from May 2010 through September 2011. Once a project and funding amount is recommended by a RAC, the County must submit an application for federal assistance for the award. Once accepted, award documents are sent to the County and executed as grant contracts.

F. Alternatives/Options

1. Make approval for Youth Services to complete applications for Title II funds and authorize the County Administrator to sign the applications and subsequent award documents in order to continue to operate the juvenile work crews as planned.
2. Should the Board opt not to pursue these Title II funds, Youth Services will close the juvenile work crew program. This will reduce the number of high risk to re-offend youth served by 50%. This option will also result in the loss of 2.50 FTE. Title II funding cannot be used for any other programs at Youth Services other than the Forest Work Team.

THE BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONER, LANE COUNTY, OREGON

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FOR TITLE II FUNDS TO THE FOREST SERVICE AND
BUREAU OF LAND MANAGEMENT FOR YOUTH WORK
CREW IN THE DEPARTMENT OF YOUTH SERVICES

WHEREAS, the U.S. Forest Service and the Bureau of Land Management have established procurement procedures for the award of Title II funds; and

WHEREAS, the County, through the Department of Youth Services, is prepared to apply for federal assistance awards from the BLM for \$120,750 and from the Siuslaw National Forest for \$28,500; and

WHEREAS, the County, through the Department of Youth Services, has received recommendation for funding from the Rogue-Umpqua National Forest in the amount of \$15,000 and from the Willamette National Forest in the amount of \$84,500; and

WHEREAS, the Department of Youth Services Juvenile Forest Work Team has 10 years of successful experience completing BLM and Forest Service contracts; and

WHEREAS, authorized signatures are required to apply for and receive funds; and

WHEREAS, the Board has previously approved similar signing authority for federal assistance agreements under Title II in FY03-FY11 under Board Orders 04-3-31-6, 05-3-15-6, 06-3-15-11, 07-5-23-10, 08-5-14-14, and 10-6-16-6 and 11-2-16-5:

NOW, THEREFORE, it is hereby ordered:

- 1) The Board approves the County, through the Department of Youth Services, to apply for the Federal Financial Assistance Award of \$120,750 from the Eugene Bureau of Land Management in Title II funds for the Juvenile Forest Work Team;
- 2) The Board approves the County, through the Department of Youth Services, to apply for the Federal Financial Assistance Award of \$84,500 from the Willamette National Forest, \$15,000 from the Rogue/Umpqua National Forest and \$28,500 from the Siuslaw National Forest in Title II funds for the Juvenile Forest Work Team;
- 3) The County Administrator is authorized to sign any application documents and all resulting award documents.

Dated this _____ day of August, 2011

Faye Stewart, Chair
Board of County Commissioners

APPROVED AS TO FORM

Date 8/2/11 lane county

OFFICE OF LEGAL COUNSEL

