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AGENDA DATE: Wednesday, September 24, 2008
TO: Board of County Commissioners
DEPARTMENT: County Administration
PRESENTED BY: Christine Moody, Sr. Management Analyst
AGENDA ITEM TITLE: APPROVING EXTENSIONS FOR PROJECTS UNDER TITLE III OF THE SECURE RURAL SCHOOLS AND COMMUNITY SELF-DETERMINATION ACT OF 2000, P.L. 106-393 FOR FY 08-09

I. MOTION

MOVE TO APPROVE BOARD ORDER 08-09-24-xx APPROVING TITLE III PROJECTS FOR FY 08-09.

II. AGENDA ITEM SUMMARY

The "Secure Rural Schools and Community Self-Determination Act of 2000" (SRS) requires that projects funded under Title III meet the criteria found under the six allowable uses. The Act expired on September 30, 2007 and subsequently received a one year extension for the FY 07-08 year. There are currently no additional funds budgeted for receipt to Lane County under the Act. This Order appropriates funds currently in the Title 3 Fund, which are eligible for use by the County pursuant to the original Act criteria.

III. BACKGROUND/IMPLICATIONS OF ACTION

A. Board Action and Other History

On November 20, 2007, the Board of Commissioners, in Board Order 07-07-11-20-9 approved the following two projects for FY 07-08:

Community Wildfire Protection Plan - \$49,450
Amateur Radio Operators - \$21,418.50

Due to weather conditions (high snow in the winter and a wet spring in 2008), neither project was able to complete its objectives by the June 30, 2008, fiscal year deadline. The projects have requested an extension through December 31, 2008, to complete the objectives. There is no change in the funding requested.

The Legislative Committee was provided this information on Thursday,

September 4, 2008, where they approved the requests and forwarded it on to the entire Board for consideration.

B. Policy Issues

The Board previously designated that \$1,000,000 in Title III funds be set aside for future unemployment claims in the event the Act expired without subsequent legislation to cover the loss of funding. As shown on Attachment A, extending these projects will not impact the \$1,000,000 reserve.

C. Board Goals

Efficient use of the Title III funds received by Lane County through the SRS, will assist in the renewal efforts of the Act which is Lane County's strategic objective D5: *Develop timber revenue strategies*, which states: "Lane County will prepare a plan that identifies strategies and actions to ensure continuation of County payments from the federal government under Public Law 106-393"

The continuation Public Law 106-393 appears unlikely at the current time and the Board changed the funding percentages between Title II and Title III for FY 07-08 as stated above in order to maximize revenue to Lane County.

D. Financial and/or Resource Considerations

The fiscal impact on the Title III funds caused by the funding of on-going Lane County Title III uses and the recommended additional projects is found in Attachment A.

E. Analysis

The funds remaining in the Title III Fund will be used to contribute to the approximately \$1,000,000 liability for unemployment obligations following the expiration of the SRS Act.

F. Alternatives/Options

Option 1 Grant the extension of the two projects as requested.

Option 2 Do not grant the extensions.

Option 3 Fund some other combination projects.

V. TIMING/IMPLEMENTATION

Approval of the projects is needed for the grantors to know whether or not they can continue work on the projects.

VI. RECOMMENDATION

Staff recommends adopting Option 1 as written in the Board Order.

VII. FOLLOW-UP

Addendums to any Memorandums of Understanding will be entered into with each external agency receiving funding. Any budget adjustments required will be completed in the second supplemental budget for FY 08-09.

VII. ATTACHMENTS

- A. Fiscal Impact of Proposed Board Order
- B. Board Order

IN THE BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS
OF LANE COUNTY, OREGON

ORDER NO. 08-09-24-

-) IN THE MATTER OF APPROVING
-) EXTENSIONS FOR PROJECTS UNDER
-) TITLE III OF THE SECURE RURAL
-) SCHOOLS AND COMMUNITY SELF-
-) DETERMINATION ACT OF 2000, P.L.
106-393 FOR FY 08-09.

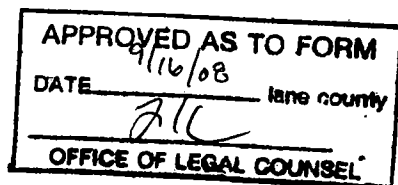
WHEREAS, the Lane County Board of Commissioners reviews and authorizes the appropriate expenditure of Title III funds under the Secure Rural Schools and Community Self-Determination Act of 2000, P.L. 106-393; and

NOW, THEREFORE, IT IS HEREBY ORDERED that Lane County approves an extension of time through December 31, 2008, for the following projects to complete their objectives and presented in the original awards granted in Board order 07-11-20-9. The amount of the awards granted for FY 07-08 remain unchanged.

Community Wildfire Protection Plan
Amateur Radio Operators

ADOPTED, this ____ day of September, 2008.

Chair, Lane County Board of Commissioners



IN THE MATTER OF APPROVING EXTENSIONS FOR PROJECTS UNDER
TITLE III OF THE SECURE RURAL SCHOOLS AND COMMUNITY SELF-
DETERMINATION ACT OF 2000, P.L. 106-393 FOR FY 08-09.

TITLE 3 FUNDS as of 09/03/08

Projected Revenue	<u>Actuals</u>	<u>Estimated Actuals*</u>	<u>Estimate</u>
	FY 06-07	FY 07-08	FY 08-09
Projected Title III Revenues	\$ 4,846,657	\$ 5,055,096	\$ -
Investment Earnings	\$ 149,249	\$ 159,682	\$ 35,000
Projected Carryover Acct Balance	\$ 1,898,874	\$ 1,560,273	\$ 1,433,924
Projected Total Available Revenue	\$ 6,894,780	\$ 6,775,051	\$ 1,468,924

On-going Lane County Title III Uses

Search and Rescue	\$ 160,620	\$ 182,137	\$ -
National Dunes Deputies	\$ 104,687	\$ 105,382	\$ -
Forest Lands Emergency Services	\$ 1,126,446	\$ 1,092,524	\$ -
Forest Work Camp/Inmate Work Crew	\$ 3,317,687	\$ 3,292,701	\$ 143,304
Juvenile Forest Work Team	\$ 323,113	\$ 407,636	\$ -
Forest Zone Development Permits	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -
Title II/III Coordination Indirect/Misc Exp	\$ 123,913	\$ 138,571	\$ 95,646
Sub Total	\$ 5,156,466	\$ 5,218,951	\$ 238,950

Additional Projects

Community Wildfire Protection Plan	75,737	7,540	41,910
Northwest Youth Corp	74,147	62,024	-
Mt. Pisgah Education Program	20,000	9,600	2,400
Lane-Metro Youth Corps	8,158	20,877	-
Lane County Amateur Radio Operators		17,134.80	(300.00)
Spring Creek Neighbors Natural Gardens		5,000	-
Sub Total	\$ 178,042	\$ 122,176	\$ 44,010

Total Projects Combined \$ 5,334,508 \$ 5,341,127 \$ 282,960

Projected Title III Balance/Benefit Reserve \$ 1,560,273 \$ 1,433,924 \$ 1,185,964

Mt Pisgah - Award for FY 07-08 was \$12k. Billed final \$4k after close of general ledger.

Amateur Radio Operators - Award for FY 07-08 was \$21,418.50. \$17,134.80 (80%) initially paid. Approx \$300 will be returned.

Community Wildfire Protection Plan - FY 0708 award was \$49,450. \$7,539.83 spent. \$41,910 remaining.

* Final Actuals will not be known until final close of general ledger for FY 07-08 in October/November, 2008.

THE BALANCE/BENEFIT RESERVE has been identified by the BCC as the source to pay for Unemployment Costs associated with layoffs in FY 08-09 budget. Estimate 4 yrs ago determined \$1 million. True amount will not be known for 2 yrs after layoffs.