

AGENDA ITEM FOR ADMINISTRATIVE MEETING

( ) Discussion only  
( X ) Action

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

SUBJECT: Echo Community Benefit Plan Grants

<p>Background: The Echo Community Benefit Plan committee is recommending funding of a grant from the community benefit plan for 2025. The grant is before the Board for approval.</p>	<p>Requested Action: Approve grant and adopt Order No. BCC2025-023</p>
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ATTACHMENTS: 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 16, 2025

Action taken:

ECHO COMMUNITY BENEFIT PLAN BOARD MINUTES

April 9, 2025

Present: Diane, Jeanie, Delbert, Tammie, Merle, Cindy, and Janie

Tammie called the meeting to order and reported that Robert Pahl indicated that we have \$45,152.32 remaining in the fund for distribution.

First Order of Business: Granting extension to expiring grants, as we did not have a meeting December, 2024.

- Walking Trail, Phase II: Diane moved, Delbert 2<sup>nd</sup> to approve the extension of the \$4,104.00 grant until 12-31-2025, (Motion carried)
- Echo F.D. Bay Door Grant: Delbert reported that the fire department **no longer required the \$410.00 grant**, as they were going in a different direction. Delbert moved, Jeanie 2<sup>nd</sup> to **release the funds back into the coffers.** (Motion carried)

**\*\**(All other previous allocated funding has been distributed at this point, and should no longer appear as part of the remaining total)*\*\***

At an earlier meeting Echo Heritage Association had requested \$1,890.00 for transportation, parts and repair of a vintage organ for St. Peter's Historical Church. The Board was undecided at the time, so tabled the decision. After resurrecting, and discussing the request Jeanie moved, Diane 2<sup>nd</sup> to deny the funding for this project. Motion carried.

**Requests for Funding:**

Echo Historical Cemetery District requested a grant for the total of \$34,000.00 to help with surveying, fencing, legal fees and infrastructure for 4.7 acres that AgNW is donating to the district for cemetery expansion. The current cemetery will, someday, be filled to capacity and the board wants to be proactive by securing the adjacent area for future generations. After a short discussion, Diane moved, Delbert 2<sup>nd</sup> to approve the request. Motion carried.

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

Janie Enright, Secretary

The next meeting, provided there are requests for funding, will take place in August. 2025.

THE BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS OF UMATILLA COUNTY

STATE OF OREGON

In the Matter of Approval )  
of Grants of 2025 Echo ) Order No. BCC2025-023  
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 \$34,000 for recipient of a 2025 grant for the funds received from the Echo Windfarms Project with an approximate balance of \$45,000;

WHEREAS this is the first round for 2025 grants.

WHEREAS on January 6, 2021, the Echo City Walking Trail Committee was awarded a grant of \$25,000 for Phase 2 of the Echo Walking Trail Project; the board has recommended that the deadline for the remaining balance of the grant, \$4,104, (which has previously been extended) be further extended to December 31, 2025;

NOW THEREFORE, the Board of Commissioners orders:

A. The following distribution of Echo Community Benefit Plan funds is approved:

Echo Cemetery District - \$34,000  
Cemetery Expansion

The project is to be completed by December 31, 2025. Each recipient shall execute acknowledgment for awarded funds. Funds will be distributed on reimbursement basis to recipients upon request and verification by recipient.

B. The deadline for the grant awarded pursuant to Order No. BCC2021-004 to the Echo City Walking Trail Committee for Phase 2 of the Echo Walking Trail project is extended to December 31, 2025, for the remaining funds of \$4,104.

DATED this 16<sup>th</sup> day of April, 2025.

UMATILLA COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS

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Celinda A. Timmons, Chair

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Daniel N. Dorran, Commissioner

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John M. Shafer, Commissioner

ATTEST:  
OFFICE OF COUNTY RECORDS

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Records Officer