

DECLARATION OF COOPERATION
PRELIMINARY STEPS TO DEVELOP A HOMELESS RESPONSE SYSTEM FOR
LINCOLN COUNTY

Introduction and Purpose of this Declaration of Cooperation

This declaration of cooperation is a non-legally binding statement of good faith to initiate certain actions required under House Bill 4123, a bill that provides grant funding in the amount of \$1,000,000 to eight counties in Oregon to create coordinated homeless response systems. Lincoln County is one of the eight counties to receive \$1,000,000 of funding for this purpose.

House Bill 4123 requires that an advisory board be created with representatives from the governing bodies of each participating member of government. The governing bodies that are invited to participate on the advisory board include the Confederated Tribes of Siletz Indians, Lincoln County, and the cities of Depoe Bay, Lincoln City, Newport, Siletz, Toledo, Waldport and Yachats.

On Wednesday June 22, 2022 a meeting was convened among local units of government to discuss implementation of House Bill 4123. At this meeting there was a consensus to take several initial steps in order to implement the requirements of HB 4123. The financial administration of this grant will be handled by the Lincoln County Health and Human Services Department. Lincoln County will proceed with a request for proposals to hire a consultant to help create the establishment of the coordinated Homeless Response Office and a second consultant to formulate the creation of a 5-year strategic plan. It was the consensus of the group that a declaration of cooperation be drafted and sent to Lincoln County, the Confederated Tribes of Siletz, and all the cities of Lincoln County to determine who is able and willing to participate on a preliminary advisory committee to help guide this process. A formal agreement has to be entered into with participating communities and non-profit corporations within 90 days of receipt of the grant funding by Lincoln County. The preliminary advisory committee established through this declaration of cooperation will meet to address the requirements that fall within the first 90 days following receipt of the grant funding. It is likely that a formal agreement and successor advisory board will be created at the conclusion of this 90-day timeframe.

Required Timetables for Implementing House Bill 4123 Requirements

House Bill 4123 requires counties receiving the grant funding to conduct various activities during certain prescribed time frames. These requirements are as follows:

1. Within 90 days of receiving the grant funding enter into an agreement among member governments and non-profit corporations, if any, to create a coordinated homeless response system that consists of, at a minimum;
 - a. The establishment of a coordinated homeless response office.
 - b. An advisory board with representatives from the governing body of each member of government.

- c. Specific roles of each member to support the advisory board and office.
 - d. Plans for coordination with any local continuum of care receiving funding under 24C.F.R.part578.
 - e. Establishment of a centralized point of contact for the office.
2. No later than November 15, 2023 each coordinated homeless response system shall provide a report to the Housing and Community Services Department, Oregon Housing Stability Council, and one or more appropriate interim committees of the legislative assembly in the manner provided in ORS 192.245 describing any goals adopted, changes in services, and challenges and opportunities in addressing homelessness services and planning, needs for technical assistance, and addressing racial disparities.
3. Within one year of receiving a grant under this section, a coordinated homeless response system, through the advisory board or each member of government to the agreement shall adopt a 5-year strategic plan that will identify and set goals for addressing funding to support operations, increasing or streamlining resources and services, incorporating national best practices for ending homelessness, eliminating racial disparities, and creating pathways to permanent and supportive housing.
4. By November 15, 2024 each coordinated homeless response system shall provide a second annual report to the Housing and Community Services Department, Oregon Housing Stability Council, and one or more appropriate interim committees of the legislative assembly in the manner provided in ORS 192.245 describing any goals adopted, changes in services, and challenges and opportunities in addressing homelessness services and planning, needs for technical assistance, and addressing racial disparities.

Declaration of Cooperation Commitments

Lincoln County, the Confederated Tribes of Siletz Indians, and the Cities of Depoe Bay, Lincoln City, Newport, Siletz, Toledo, Waldport and Yachats are invited to participate on a preliminary advisory committee to implement preliminary steps to develop a Homeless Response System for Lincoln County. Each participating government is requested to have their governing body approve this Declaration of Cooperation and name a governing body member and an alternate governing body member to participate in the tasks described below.

During the first 90 days following receipt of the grant funding the advisory committee will guide the development of an agreement among member governments and non-profit corporations to create a coordinated homeless response system that consists of the establishment of a coordinated homeless response office, an advisory board with representation from the governing body of each member of government, specific roles of each member organization to support the advisory board and office, plans for coordinating any local continuum of care receiving funding under 24C.F.R.part578 and establishing a centralized point of contact for the office.

The advisory committee will be seated through the initial development of the items described in the declaration of cooperation commitments. A successor advisory board will be created under the terms of the Coordinated Homeless Response Agreement developed with the advisory committee following this 90-day period. Those governmental units electing to continue participating in this effort will be asked at that time to enter into a Coordinated Homeless Response Agreement for Lincoln County through the duration of the grant period.

MOTION APPROVING A DECLARATION OF COOPERATION FOR PRELIMINARY STEPS TO DEVELOP A HOMELESS RESPONSE SYSTEM FOR LINCOLN COUNTY

I move to approve a non-binding Declaration of Cooperation to develop a Homeless Response System for Lincoln County and appoint from the Governing Body _____ as a committee member and _____ as an alternate committee member.

Approved Ayes _____ Nays _____

Unit of Government _____

Signed _____
(Mayor, Chair)

Signed _____
(Recorder, Secretary)

Date Motion is Approved
_____, 2022