



BOARD MEETING AGENDA

Date: Thursday, September 26, 2024

Time: 6:00 p.m.

Location: Hybrid: Lane Council of Governments, 859 Willamette Street, STE 500, Eugene, OR 97401

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6:00 Call to Order

Call Regular Meeting to Order

1. Welcome & Introductions
2. Requests for Additions to the Agenda *[to be considered under Business Items]*

Public Comment

3. Comments from the Public

Presentations

4. LCOG Update

Business Items

5. Public Contracting Rules – Public Hearing and Adoption (*will provide documents when we receive from LGLG)
- 6.* June 23, 2024 Minutes – Approve
- 7.* Defederalization of EDA RLF Funds - Approve
- 8.* Annual Dinner – Provide Direction
9. Next Board Meeting

Reports

- 10.* Advisory Council Reports

Wrap Up

11. Call for Future Agenda Items; Emerging Issues.

Public Comment is limited to 3 minutes. The Board has the right to ask disruptive attendees to leave the meeting. The Board may choose not to respond to comments and lack of response does not indicate support or disagreement. Location is wheelchair accessible.

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LANE COUNCIL OF GOVERNMENTS BOARD OF DIRECTORS
Lane Council of Governments
LCOG, 859 Willamette Street, Suite 500, Eugene
The meeting was held on site and via teleconference.

June 27, 2024
6:00 p.m.

VOTING MEMBERS

Present

Bd. Member Sonya Carlson, Chair, Eugene Water and Electric Board (EWEB)
Bd. Member Greg James, Vice-Chair, Willamalane Park & Recreation District
Bd. Member Sherry Duerst-Higgins, Lane Education Service District (ESD)
Mayor Ed McQuire, City of Dunes City
Mayor Nancy Bell, City of Coburg
Mayor Candace Solesbee, City of Cottage Grove
Mayor Ken Wells, City of Junction City
Councilor Robbie McCoy, City of Veneta
Bd. Member Ken Kohl, School District 19

Bd. Member Jeff Gowing, School District 45J3
Bd. Member Donna Oshel, Siuslaw Public Library District
Bd. Member Patti Chappel, Emerald People's Utility District (EPUD)
Bd. Member Keith Stanton, Siuslaw Valley Fire and Rescue and Western Lane Fire & EMS Authority
Bd. Member Curt Kendall, River Road Parks & Recreation District
Bd. Member Steve Recca, Fern Ridge Library District

Absent

Representative Lane County
Representative City of Creswell
Representative City of Eugene
Representative City of Florence
Representative City of Lowell
Representative City of Oakridge
Representative City of Springfield
Representative City of Westfir
Representative Heceta Water PUD

Representative Rainbow Water and Fire District
Representative Lane Community College (LCC)
Representative School District 40
Representative School District 4J
Representative School District 52
Representative School District 68
Representative Lane Library District
Representative Junction City RFPD
Representative Port of Siuslaw

OTHERS

Pete Knox, Lane Transit District (LTD), Non-voting member
Brenda Moore, LCOG Executive Director
Josh Burnstein, LCOG Human Resources Manager
David Joyal, LCOG Senior Financial Analyst
David Grabicki, Acting Finance Director LCOG
Josh Kashinsky, LCOG Associate Transportation Manager
Kate Wilson, LCOG Senior Transportation Planner
Dan Hurley, Lane County Public Works Director
Ron Davis, Vice President, EPUD Board of Directors
Curt Offenbacher, EPUD Board of Directors
Beth Bridges, Minutes Recorder

CALL MEETING TO ORDER

1. Welcome & Introductions

Chair Sonya Carlson called the meeting of the Lane Council of Governments (LCOG) Board of Directors to order at 6:00 p.m.

2. Requests for Additions to the Agenda

The Chair moved Agenda Item 4 to later in the agenda, after the Business Items.

3. PUBLIC COMMENT

No one wished to address the Board.

PRESENTATION

5. FISCAL YEAR 2025 (FY25) Budget

LCOG Executive Director Brenda Moore gave a Powerpoint presentation entitled, *FY25 Proposed Budget*. She explained the Budget Committee and the Executive Committee both recommended adoption of the proposed budget. Ms. Moore reviewed the known factors affecting the budget, e.g., wage and insurance increases, contingency accounts changes, and operational reserves amounts. She also stated there were many unknowns, including unstable economic conditions, workforce challenges, and state and federal funding levels. Ms. Moore noted these were reasons LCOG always processed a revised budget. Ms. Moore summarized the FY25 Proposed Budget (\$85,396,430) was an increase of \$6,668,166 over the FY24 Adopted Budget and \$4,804,545 over the FY24 Revised Budget. She discussed Resources, noting increases in Federal funding for transportation and State increases for Oregon Project Independence Medicaid and smaller decreases in Local revenues (less contracts in Government Services) and Beginning Reserves (fewer staff vacancies). Turning to Requirements, Ms. Moore said the largest factor was personnel services. She reviewed the proposed staff Full Time Equivalent (FTE) breakdown, noting the most FTE added were in the Senior and Disability Services (SDS) division. She also detailed changes in Materials and Supplies and Capital Outlays and discussed Restricted Reserves and the decrease in indirect charges (aka Central Services). Ms. Moore added the FY25 Proposed Budget used the revised Operational Reserve Policy, part of the upcoming Consent Agenda. She asked if Board members had any questions about the proposed budget.

When Ms. Carlson asked for more information regarding auto insurance coverage, Ms. Moore responded all employees were covered as well as LCOG vehicles (e.g., Link Lane buses, Meals on Wheels vehicles). She added they had lower rates due to staff's good driving records and a strict safety committee.

Chair Carlson opened the public hearing on the FY25 Budget at 6:29 p.m. Seeing that no one wished to provide comment, she closed the public hearing at 6:30 p.m.

Greg James moved Resolution 2024-01: 1. That the LCOG Board of Directors hereby adopts the attached Budget for fiscal year 2024-2025, and 2. That the following amounts are hereby appropriated for the purposes specified for the fiscal year beginning July 1, 2024: Personal Services \$40,328,366; Materials and Services \$10,025,463; Capital Outlay \$ 237,891; Services by Other Organizations \$ 3,126,719; Debt Service \$ 438,755; Transfers \$ 6,242,462; Reserves \$24,996,774; for a Total \$85,396,430.

Sherry Duerst-Higgins provided the second. The motion passed unanimously, 15:0:0.

BUSINESS ITEMS

6. Consent Agenda

a. Minutes of April 25, 2024

b. Executive Director's Review, Accept

c. Operational Reserve Policy, Approve

Jeff Gowing moved to adopt the Consent Agenda. Steve Recca provided the second. The motion passed unanimously, 15:0:0.

Mr. James acknowledged the stellar review of the Executive Director.

7. LinkLane, Adopt Title VI Plan

Ms. Kate Wilson gave a Powerpoint presentation entitled *Link Lane*. She gave an overview of its rural transit services across rural Lane County (Eugene—Florence Connector, Florence-Yachats Connector, and Metro Shuttle on-demand pilot program), including routes, stops, fares, schedules, and ridership data. Ms. Wilson explained the importance of securing long-term funding. To be eligible for federal funding, staff needed to demonstrate LinkLane met the Title VI Program requirements. She read the Title VI requirements from the Civil Rights Act of 1964. Ms. Wilson reviewed the components of LinkLane's Title VI Plan. Ms. Moore added stable funding would enable better long-range strategic planning.

Ms. Carlson confirmed the difference in the cost model between the Connector routes and the Metro Shuttle was because the latter was an on-demand program that didn't have a fixed route. She also observed a difference between the Metro Shuttle program and providers such as Lyft or Uber was that Metro Shuttle vehicles had wheelchair lifts to improve accessibility.

Mr. James moved to adopt the LinkLane Title VI Plan. Patti Chappel seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously, 15:0:0.

Ms. Wilson asked those interested in completing the Title VI Minority Representation data collection form to e-mail their responses to her.

8. Appoint Senior Services Advisory Committee (SSAC) Member

Ms. Moore described the SSAC and its membership requirements. She discussed Elene Gleason's background and noted they still need to recruit additional SSAC members.

Ken Kohl moved to appoint Elene Gleason to the Senior Services Advisory Committee. Mr. Recca seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously, 15:0:0.

PRESENTATION

4. Integrated Materials and Energy Recovery Facility (IMERF)

Mr. Hurley gave a Powerpoint presentation entitled *CleanLane Resource Recovery Facility*. He distributed a handout with the same title. Mr. Hurley noted the project used to be called the Integrated Materials and Energy Recover Facility (IMERF) and recommended Board members watch an explanatory video ([BHS Company Overview: The Power of a Single Provider \(youtube.com\)](#)). He gave an overview of the key features of the state-of-the-art waste processing facility, discussed the provisions in the public private partnership with Bulk Handling Systems (BHS), and explained the reasons the Board of County Commissioners (BCC) approved the project. Mr. Hurley highlighted the additional twenty plus years of capacity gained at the Short Mountain landfill, improved recyclables recovery, reduced

greenhouse gas emissions, production of Renewable Natural Gas (RNG), and economic development implications. He showed where the facility would be located on a County-owned site in Goshen, Oregon, and shared an illustration of the facility's processing equipment. Mr. Hurley explained only commercial garbage haulers had access to the facility. They had expressed displeasure at the anticipated increase in customers' rates, which he deemed exaggerated as the landfill rate was only twenty percent of the overall garbage rate. Mr. Hurley also addressed the reasons they had asked the BCC to approve the project in December 2023, including access to \$34 million in state tax-exempt bonds, a 40% tax incentive credit on energy facilities, and the federal Inflation Reduction Act (IRA) grant programs.

When Mr. Recca asked what the long-term financial impact of the facility was on EPUD, Ms. Chapell responded \$20 million. When Mr. Hurley requested more information on how the estimate was calculated, Ms. Chapell distributed a graph entitled xxxx. Mr. Hurley acknowledged he had seen the graph previously and explained why he had questions for the consultant who put the information together.

Mr. Hurley observed EPUD's equipment that captured the land fill's methane gas needed to be upgraded as there were systems currently available that netted 20% more output. He acknowledged EPUD had recently installed wells at a new cell in the landfill and had seen a spike in gas production but noted over time EPUD's gas collection was not on an upward trend.

When Mr. Kohl asked if the contract included incentives for recyclable waste streams, Mr. Hurley discussed some of the performance criteria in the contract. He also referred to recent state legislation that imposed a surcharge on nonrecyclable packaging as an additional incentive for recycling.

Responding to Mr. Kohl's query if residents would still separate out recyclable from garbage, Mr. Huley said yes. He noted there was the potential to degrade the recyclables if comingled with garbage

After Ms. Carlson asked what type of job training was needed to prepare local residents to work at the facility, Mr. Hurley responded they had yet to work with community colleges regarding careers in robotics. He thanked Ms. Carlson for raising the issue.

Ms. Chapell disagreed with Mr. Hurley's assertion that the County and EPUD had worked together. She quoted from a Memo of Understanding (MOU) regarding methane capture. Mr. Hurley responded County staff had been in conversations with EPUD's General Manager, not the EPUD Board, and clarified the MOU was about methane used to produce power not renewable natural gas.

Jeff Gowing asked about education efforts regarding food waste reuse and recycling programs. Mr. Hurley explained they had implemented several programs however many people were still resistant to put food waste in with their yard debris. Hence the opportunity to segregate organic waste from garbage collected, compost it, and use it for renewable natural gas.

Mr. James admired the forward thinking demonstrated by the project. He emphasized the need to reduce all forms of waste going into the landfill and make a positive impact on climate change.

Ms. Chapell gave a Powerpoint presentation entitled: *Short Mountain and the IMERF, EPUD's Perspective*. She discussed how EPUD came to operate a methane power plant at Short Mountain for over thirty years and how the power plant worked. Ms. Chapell explained the power cost more than what they could purchase from Bonneville Power Administration (BPA) but less than what power cost on the

open market. The BPA was limiting its power output, making the power from the methane plant more critical to operations. Ms. Chapell detailed EPUD’s primary issues with the IMERF project: the project increased the cost of living for residents, especially EPUD customers; the benefits were misplaced, whereas EPUD lost and a private corporation and a fossil fuel company wins; the project was unnecessary as Lane County’s own Climate Action Plan listed better ways to lower emissions; the process was flawed in many ways; the technology was unproven; and, the County had not been successful in the past with a similar sorting facility or a leachate collection facility. Ms. Chapell concluded her presentation by suggesting the County “take a step back” and work with EPUD and local garbage haulers to use proven waste management practices to better meet shared climate goals.

Curt Offenbacher summarized EPUD’s main concern was securing the power source. BPA was limiting their output. If the County diverted the organic waste, there was less methane gas therefore less power generated. Under the current scenario, EPUD had no motivation to increase their investment at Short Mountain.

Ms. Carlson, referred to her roles as EWEB Commissioner and Bring Recycling Executive Director and shared said she had testified in favor of the project. She highlighted Bulk Handling was financing a lot of the up-front costs. She emphasized it important to pay better attention to the climate crises and described problems inherent with open pit technology.

REPORTS

9. Executive Committee Report

Ms. Moore referenced the Executive Committee report in the agenda packet. There were no questions raised by the Board members.

10. Advisory Council Reports

Ms. Moore referenced the *Advisory Council Reports* in the agenda packet. She highlighted the \$5.33 million federal Promoting Resilient Operations for Transformative, Efficient, and Cost-saving Transportation (PROTECT) grant received to prepare a regional resiliency plan for infrastructure, the upcoming meeting of the State Joint Transportation Committee in Eugene on July 17, 2024, the five-year Comprehensive Economic Development Strategy (CEDS) work being undertaken by the Cascade West Economic Development District, and the Community Needs Assessment underway for the Senior and Disability Services Area Plan.

11. Roundtable

Due to time constraints, there was no roundtable conducted.

WRAP UP

Chair Carlson adjourned the June LCOG Board of Directors meeting at 7:57 p.m.



Agenda Item Number 7. Defederalization of LCOG's EDA Revolving Loan Fund

Date: September 26, 2024

Presenter: Brenda Moore

Action Recommended: Request Release of Federal Interest in LCOG's EDA Revolving Loan Fund Award #07-79-05536.01

Background:

Congress recently enacted the Reinvigorating Lending for the Future Act (Act) which authorizes U.S. Department of Commerce Economic Development Administration (EDA) to release its federal interest in certain Revolving Loan Funds (RLF) that have operated satisfactorily for seven years beyond disbursement of grant funds.

LCOG started operating our first EDA RLF Award since 2004. The above referenced EDA RLF Award was granted in 2014 with final draw on September 21, 2017. LCOG's total Award of \$1,000,000 comprised of \$500,000 in federal funds and \$500,000 in local matching funds. LCOG has been able to use these RLF to provide local businesses the necessary capital to build, expand, create, and succeed for over 10 years.

By defederalizing the funds, we can reduce our administrative burden and use the funds for broader economic development purposes in our region. First, LCOG would separate the \$500,000 matching funds and use these funds for match for future projects and to support our other loan programs.

The remaining funds would continue to be used as the already established RLF in LCOG's Revolving Loan Fund Administration Plan, which is also used to fund technical assistance to local businesses. This would provide LCOG the opportunity to provide one on one, targeted technical assistance to job makers in the region in addition to assisting them with capital.

Proposed Action: Move to submit a request to the EDA to release EDA's federal interest in LCOG's EDA Revolving Loan Funds.

Attach: A. Information on Match

IN THE BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS,
LANE COUNTY, OREGON

ORDER NO.) ORDER/IN THE MATTER OF AUTHORIZING THE USE OF
13-02-26-01) \$500,000 OF VIDEO LOTTERY DOLLARS AS MATCHING
) FUNDS FOR AN ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT
) ADMINISTRATION GRANT FOR A REVOLVING LOAN
) FUND AND TO AUTHORIZE THE COUNTY
) ADMINISTRATOR TO SIGN AN INTERGOVERNMENTAL
) AGREEMENT WITH LANE COUNCIL OF GOVERNMENTS
) FOR ADMINISTRATION OF SAID REVOLVING LOAN
) FUND

WHEREAS, the Lane County Board of Commissioners established a policy for distributing video lottery economic development funds that is adopted in Lane Manual Chapter 4, and

WHEREAS, the Lane County Board of Commissioners has established the Strategic Opportunity Reserve Fund for projects that may have a significant positive impact on local job creation, and

WHEREAS, the Lane County Board of Commissioners has identified the creation of a Revolving Loan Fund as a priority economic development goal in their five year strategic plan, and

WHEREAS, the creation of said Revolving Loan Fund will have positive economic development impacts for the Lane County region, now therefore,

IT IS HEREBY ORDERED that \$500,000 of video lottery dollars be used as matching funds for an Economic Development Administration grant for a revolving loan fund, and

FURTHER ORDERED that the County Administrator is authorized to sign the intergovernmental agreement authorized under this Order.

Signed this 26th day of February 2013.


Sid Leiken, Chair
LANE COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS

APPROVED AS TO FORM

Date

2/22/13

Lane County



Proposal to Expand LCOG Revolving Loan Fund
Prepared by Steve Dignam
January 3, 2013

Background

LCOG operates an existing \$930,000 revolving loan fund (RLF) for businesses in Lane County. This loan program was originally funded with a \$500,000 grant from the US Economic Development Administration in 2004. The 2004 grant required a \$333,000 matching cash grant. A \$100,000 portion of the original matching funds was provided by Lane County. LCOG has used this loan program to help small businesses create over 150 jobs and the loan fund has grown from the original \$833,000 to \$930,000. The EDA RLF is one of three primary business loan programs available through LCOG.

Current Opportunity

LCOG's EDA RLF has experienced high demand recently from small businesses. LCOG would like to pursue \$500,000 additional funding from the EDA. Current EDA grant requirements necessitate a \$500,000 cash match. Some of the original sources of cash match are no longer available. Therefore, if the application is to move forward, LCOG will need Lane County to provide as much cash match as possible.

Features

- Any cash matching contribution from Lane County would be contingent on an EDA grant of like amount.
- As with all LCOG loan programs, the principal amount of all loans to ultimate recipients is returned to the loan pool for re-lending.
- Interest and fees from loans to ultimate recipients can be used to pay LCOG staff expenses associated with management of the loan program.
- A portion of the interest and fees could be paid to Lane County staff under an intergovernmental agreement for work to support the management of the loan program including community outreach and pre-screening of loan applications.
- Loans would be approved by LCOG's Loan Administration Committee (LAC). The LAC currently has one position designated for a Lane County Commissioner. We would propose that the County be guaranteed one additional seat.

Benefits

- Small businesses in Lane County would benefit from additional gap financing.
- LCOG has a good track record in this field and has an experienced staff which can manage this project.
- A larger pool of funds would enable LCOG to be more efficient in its management of the program.
- Lane County could meet its objective to improve access to capital for small businesses.
- Lane County could help improve access to capital without the cost of developing its own internal staff resources.



Agenda Item Number 8. Annual Dinner

Date: September 26, 2024

Presenter: Brenda Moore

Action Recommended: Provide Direction on Annual Dinner

Background:

Each year, LCOG celebrates regional accomplishments for the prior year in the spring of each year. For several years prior to the Pandemic, the Annual Dinner was held at Lane Community College's Center for Meeting and Learning, and dinner was prepared and served by the College's Culinary Arts Program students. During the Pandemic, however, that program and the meeting space closed. Accordingly, for the last two years, the Annual Dinner was held at the Cottage Grove Armory and was a success. A silent auction was also held both years to raise funds for LCOG's Senior Meals Program.

Last year, the event cost \$5,920, including catering my Trio – the company that develops the menus and the food for our Senior Meals program. We had over 100 attendees and sold 77 tickets, collecting \$3,040 in ticket sales. We made over \$6,000 with the silent auction in the two years we have held it.

The Annual Dinner is an awards Dinner. LCOG recognizes those that have performed above and beyond and/or have dedicated their lives to public service. Over the years, LCOG has sought nominations in various ways, most recently by sending out a request to all regional partners, although that has not always provided good results. The current awards are: Elected Official, Public Employee, Citizen, Intergovernmental Team, Economic Enhancement Work, and Public Service Career.

Thoughts on these categories, the nomination process, cost, and venue will be discussed.



**Agenda Item Number
10.
Advisory Council Reports**

Date: September 26, 2024

Presenter: Brenda Moore

Action Recommended: None. Information Only

Metropolitan Policy Committee (MPC)

August 1, 2024

- Unanimously approved adoption of the MPO's new PPP.
- Unanimously approved a letter of support for the Oregon Department of Transportation's (ODOT) Charging and Fueling Infrastructure (CFI) grant program tristate application. The federal grant program provides funding for EV charging and hydrogen fueling infrastructure. Oregon's application was being made jointly with Washington and California for infrastructure along specific segments of Interstate 5.
- Unanimously approved a letter of support for Lane County's application for a CFI grant for the installation of EV charging infrastructure. The focus, in partnership with the City of Eugene, is to look at locations within the Eugene-Springfield area, as well as opportunities aligned with public spaces, including Lane County parks along highways 126 and 58.
- Heard a staff presentation and discussed the area's draft Climate Friendly Equitable Communities (CFEC) Performance Measures to chart a path for meeting the state's greenhouse gas reduction target in 2050.
- Heard reports from MPC members on meeting with members of the Oregon Legislature's Joint Committee on Transportation.
- Heard a staff update on the update of the MPO's Regional Transportation Plan (RTP).

Lane Economic Committee (LEC)

August 12, 2024

- Rachel Dorfman, Planner, LCOG - talked about the **Resilient Lane Project Grant**
 - LCOG and Lane County partnered and were successfully awarded a \$3.5M Promoting Resilient Operations for Transformative, Efficient and Cost-Saving Transportation (PROTECT) planning grant. The PROTECT program purpose is to help make surface transportation more resilient to natural hazards, including climate change, sea level rise, flooding, extreme weather events, and other natural disasters.
 - Ms. Dorfman cited several areas of risk such as flood plains, wildfires, the Cascadia subduction zone, drought zones, all putting Lane County's transportation planning at risk. She added that she worked closely with Lane County's Emergency Management and Public Health staff to incorporate several plans such as the County's transportation plan, its wildfire response plan, and its climate plans.
 - Ms. Dorfman reminded members that the Regional Transportation Plan's (RTP) goals were updated every four years and the last update occurred in 2020. She said 2024 would be the first time that resiliency would be addressed in an RTP update. She added that Eugene's climate plan and fiber resilience would also be included for the first time, and she hoped this work would fundamentally change the way they conduct their planning for resiliency in the future.
 - Ms. Dorfman said the project would include robust community engagement utilizing equity advisors and jurisdictional resource groups. She added a first step would be a tribal consultation coordination plan to ensure the priorities of the tribes are respected and served. She said the project intended to meet people where they were and welcome involvement.
- Clint Riley, Lane County Deflection Program Manager talked about the **Resilient Lane Project Grant**.
 - House Bill 4002 included several actions including the recriminalization of possession of small amounts of controlled substances. HB 4002 also established funding for counties to establish deflection processes (aka programs) which deflect people from the criminal legal system to systems of care for treatment (substance use disorders and/or mental health disorders). The LEC has heard how those struggling with such disorders face barrier to entering and being successful in the workforce as well as how local businesses have felt impacted by things such as public use of controlled substances, property crime related to addiction, those in behavioral health crisis adversely affecting patronage.
 - Mr. Riley, provided an update about the response to the Measure 110 "fix".

He said he was working to build a system to support law enforcement that would include sending navigators to the scene of drug possession or low-level crimes involving drugs, with the intent to deflect suspects away from an already overloaded criminal justice system.

- Mr. Riley said that he would be working with the Behavioral Health Resource Network of Lane County, funded to provide treatment with intent to get people off the streets and off drugs.
- **Brendan Irsfeld, Lane County Emergency Management talked about the Lane TREE -EPA Grant.**
 - Mr. Irsfeld provided an update regarding the \$19.5 million 3-year EPA grant, in partnership with United Way of Lane County, 60% of which would be applied towards building improvements.
 - Mr. Irsfeld said that six *Resilience Hubs* locations would be funded in the following areas: Florence, Veneta, Cottage Grove, Oakridge, the Willamalane/Bob Keefer Center, and the Bethel School District. Examples of simple improvements could be system upgrades to HVAC systems, improvement of clean resting spaces, and the improvement of air quality from extreme heat. He reiterated that Resilience Hubs are community assets that would be used for both everyday education and co-locations for service providers, as well as emergency shelters during disaster events. Resilience hubs would also operate as a base of post-disaster recovery operations.
 - Mr. Irsfeld said the project would tie into the County's updated wildfire protection plan, and the \$50k State award to each county for an energy resilience plan. He said 40% of the funding would support a community engagement process in all six locations that would be volunteer based, with just-in-time medical training such as CPR, staffing for the hubs, cultural competency training, hazard mitigation, and initial trauma needs assessment. He said staff are in the process of finalizing the award agreement and the project was anticipated to begin January or February 2025.
- **Justin Peterson, CED Planner for OCWCOG talked about the SWOT survey for the Comprehensive Economic Development Strategy (CEDS)**
 - A strengths, weaknesses, opportunities and threats (SWOT) assessment is being conducted as part of the CEDS update. The LEC will walk through the survey questions providing members an opportunity to share their initial thoughts and discuss each other's insights to help broaden the view and identify items that might not have come to the fore should members have responded to the survey only on their own.

- Denise Walters, Planner for LCOG talked about **Grant News and Opportunities available**.
 - Ms. Walters discussed a list of recent grant opportunities, some of which had tight turn arounds. She showcased the \$1.1M high school mental health program grant received by LCC, which included a number of community partners.
 - Ms. Walters discussed the Good Jobs Challenge EDA grant opportunity. Ms. Perry said this grant opportunity was a good example of the difficulty faced by agencies such as the Workforce Partnership, where they needed to find ways to bridge the gap between jobs to be filled and the skill base that exists that needs jobs.
 - Ms. Walters shared information about two other opportunities she thought one or more LEC members may find of interest: BizOregon Outdoor Gear and Apparel Matching Funds and BizOregon Equity Investment Program, the latter of which she thought could be of interest to the City of Eugene.

Senior & Disability Services – Disability Services Advisory Council (DSAC)
No meetings since June

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