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TO: Board of County Commissioners

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DATE: May 10, 2018

SUBJECT: General Fund Contingency Request of \$256,840 for expenses related to the Eagle Creek Fire (Budget Modification NOND-11-18)

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The Office of Emergency Management and the Sheriff's Office are requesting a total of \$256,840 in General Fund Contingency for expenses that cannot be covered within existing resources. A request for reimbursement of eligible expenses has been submitted to the Federal Emergency Management Agency, but any reimbursement will not take place until FY 2019.

On Saturday, September 2, 2017, a fire was started on the Eagle Creek Trail, which runs along the border between Multnomah County and Hood River County. For the next 14 days, the Multnomah County operated a 24/7 emergency operations center that coordinated communication and response efforts among partner agencies, disseminated information to the public and the media, and otherwise facilitated support provided by County employees, local partner agencies, and the community.

The Sheriff's Office incurred expenses for personnel overtime and supplies as deputies rescued hikers, secured evacuation areas, coordinated communication efforts, and delivered supplies. Emergency Management incurred expenses for personnel, materials and supplies, and contracted services. These expenses cannot be covered within existing resources.

As of May 10, 2018, the "regular" General Fund contingency and the remaining State/Fed ramp down funds total \$2,607,398. If this request is approved, the remaining contingency balance will be \$2,350,558.

**General Fund Contingency Policy Compliance**

The Budget Office is required to inform the Board if contingency requests submitted for approval satisfy the guidelines for using the General Fund Contingency.

In particular,

- Criteria 1 states contingency requests should be for one-time-only purposes.

**This is a one-time-only request.**

- Criteria 2 addresses emergencies and unanticipated situations.

**These expenses relate to an emergency situation.**

- Criteria 3 addresses items identified in Board Budget Notes.

**This item was not identified in a Board Budget Note.**