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TO: Board of County Commissioners

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SUBJECT: General Fund Contingency Request of \$60,000 for Sandy River Delta Outreach Program

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Multnomah County Sheriff's Office (MCSO) and Department of County Human Services (DCHS) have requested \$60,000 of General Fund contingency for restoration and cleanup of the Sandy River Delta and services for the area's homeless population.

The \$60,000 would strengthen relationships with the homeless population through the work of a community partner and support cleanup efforts to reduce public health and environmental hazards. DCHS would receive \$21,738 in pass-through funds for a community partner to provide flexible rent assistance to move individuals into permanent housing and MCSO would receive \$38,262 for cleanup crews and outreach.

**General Fund Contingency Policy Compliance**

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

In particular,

- Criteria 1 states contingency requests should be for one-time-only purposes. **This request is for one-time-only funding to address outreach to individuals and clean-up efforts in FY 2015.**
- Criteria 2 addresses emergencies and unanticipated situations. **This item is not an emergency and was anticipated during the FY 2015 budget process.**
- Criteria 3 address items identified in Board Budget Notes. **This item was identified in a Board Budget Note for Fiscal Year 2015 that states:**

*The Sandy River Delta is a destination recreation area for the Multnomah County community. Hikers, horseback riders, families, and nature enthusiasts regular enjoy what is known as "1000 Acres." Currently, the area is a public health hazard and has experienced uncharacteristically high rates of crimes against people and property. The area is rural and those who camp in the area due to homelessness are far*

*removed from the services available to similar populations who inhabit urban areas in the city centers.*

*This budget note sets aside \$60,000 in General Fund Contingency dedicated to the restoration and cleanup of the Sandy River Delta and the service needs of the homeless population currently living there. The funding is intended to bring together Department of County Human Services (DCHS) and their community partners, along with the Multnomah County Sheriff's Office (MCSO), to achieve two primary goals.*

- 1. Establish stronger outreach relationships with the homeless populations in the area in order to link them into the service continuum to find a path into a home.*
- 2. Conduct cleanup efforts in order to remove the significant public health and environmental hazards in the recreational site to include the removal of trash piles, human waste, animal carcasses harvested by campers, abandoned homestead sites, and discarded supplies.*

*This effort will bring dedicated professionals into the area to link individuals with services and improve the recreational value of the delta and the health of our waterways.*

*This note calls for operational plans, developed in conjunction between DCHS and MCSO, to be reported to the Board in order to request the set-aside funds. The \$60,000 is intended to provide those departments with the ability to conduct multiple cleanups and outreach efforts throughout the year based on need.*