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TO: Board of County Commissioners

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SUBJECT: General Fund Contingency request of \$102,510 to fund Bed Bug Treatment Support and Assistance with Dentures/Extractions (Budget Modification NOND-12)

District 3 is requesting \$102,510 of General Fund contingency be appropriated to support Bed Bug Treatment Support and Assistance with Dentures/Extractions, which will be administered by the Department of County Human Services. Both initiatives will be directed to help seniors receiving assistance through DCHS' Aging and Disability Services Division.

- Bed Bug Treatment Support will provide \$36,250 to help 50 low-income seniors and people with disabilities to prepare their living space for bed bug treatment. Assistance includes washing clothes and bedding, cleaning, and moving heavy items.
- Assistance with Dentures and Extractions will provide \$66,260 to help 50 low-income seniors and people with disabilities to pay for needed dental work. This request backfills previously covered services discontinued by the Oregon Health Plan in 2010.

General Fund Contingency Policy Compliance

The Budget Office is required to inform the Board whether submitted contingency requests fall with the guidelines for using General Fund Contingency.

- Criteria 1 states contingency requests should be for one-time-only purposes.
Bed Bug Treatment Support and Denture Assistance are not a one-time-only purpose. The need for these services will not go away after the end of the fiscal year. The program is considering requesting funds in upcoming budgets to support these services.
- Criteria 2 addresses emergencies and unanticipated situations.
This request could have been anticipated during the FY 2011 Budget process. Aging and Disabilities Services currently budgets for emergency assistance for clients to assist with medication, housing, and transportation needs. The program could have requested a higher level of emergency funds during the FY 2011 budget process.
- Criteria 3 addresses items identified in Board Budget Notes.

This item was not identified in the Budget Notes.