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SUBJECT: General Fund Contingency request of \$38,393 for start-up funds for Health Share of Oregon. (Budget Modification HD-13-01).

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The Health Department is requesting that \$38,393 of General Fund Contingency be appropriated. This request would provide funds for the second installment of Multnomah County's contribution to start-up costs for Health Share of Oregon (formerly the Tri-County Medicaid Collaborative (TCMC)). The process to establish and fully staff this Coordinated Care Organization began in FY 2012, at which time the 14 sponsoring organizations on Health Share of Oregon's Executive Steering Committee agreed to contribute to a fund to support the start-up process. Their contribution amounts are calculated on each organization's ability to pay as represented by their total health care revenues or their annual budget. The funds will be used to compensate staff assigned full-time to setting up Health Share of Oregon and for services such as legal, consulting, website design, public relations, and meeting expenses.

On June 28, 2012, the Board of County Commissioners approved a budget modification (HD-12-28) providing the first installment of \$38,393. Health Share of Oregon was approved to begin operating on September 1, 2012, and the Health Department does not anticipate further requests for start-up contributions.

**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 the contingency request should be for one-time-only purposes. If this is not judged to be one-time-only transition funding, the request essentially funds ongoing programs with one-time-only emergency contingency funds.

**The total contribution amount will be for a one-time-only purpose, although the full contribution has been split between a first installment in FY 2012 and the current request for a second installment. Multnomah County's total contribution to the start-up costs will be \$76,786.**

- Criteria 2 addresses emergencies and unanticipated situations.

**While the start-up process for Health Share of Oregon began in FY 2012, specific details about the requested contribution were unknown at the time the FY 2013 budget was developed.**

- Criteria 3 addresses items identified in Board Budget Notes.

**This item was not identified in the budget notes.**