



March 14, 2019

Board of County Commissioners
 Clackamas County

Members of the Board:

Approval of a Resolution in the Matter of Participation in
 Funding Activities Oregon Office for Community Dispute Resolution

Purpose/Outcome	The purpose of this Resolution is to formally approve the County’s participation in the Community Dispute Resolution program through the Oregon Office for Community Dispute Resolution.
Dollar Amount and Fiscal Impact	Clackamas County is projected to receive approximately \$102,325.00 in grant funding.
Funding Source	The State of Oregon, acting by and through the State Board of Higher Education on behalf of the University of Oregon for the University of Oregon School of Law. No County General fund is required.
Strategic Plan Alignment	This action aligns with the following Board strategic priority: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Ensure Safe, Healthy and Secure Communities: Community Dispute Resolution is an important tool in resolving disputes – such as neighbor to neighbor conflicts – to reduce the likelihood of escalating issues to a level that could potentially involve law enforcement intervention.
Duration	July 1, 2019 to June 30, 2021
Previous Board Action/Review	The Clackamas County Board of Commissioners has opted to participate in this program since its inception. The Community Dispute Resolution program has received funding since 1992.
Contact Person	Laurel Butman, Deputy County Administrator – (503) 655-8893

BACKGROUND:

The Oregon Legislature created the Oregon Dispute Resolution Commission in the early 1990s with the intent to promote alternative dispute resolution through the Community Dispute Resolution Program (CDRP) rather than the use of litigation to resolve conflicts. A role was created for County Commissioners, if they chose to participate, in the selection of service providers to receive grant funds. The Clackamas County Board of Commissioners has opted to participate in this program since its inception.

The Oregon Legislature has charged the State of Oregon, acting by and through the State Board of Higher Education on behalf of the University of Oregon for the University Of Oregon School Of Law, to act as Grantor for the CDRP with the responsibility to foster the development of community mediation programs by making grant monies available to participating counties. The funding for these grants will be allocated as provided for in OAR 571-100. Contracts for the provision of services are made directly between the selected service providers and the Oregon Office for Community Dispute Resolution.

Assuming that funding for 2019 – 2021 is reauthorized by the 2019 Legislature at the same level as the prior biennium, Clackamas County is projected to receive approximately \$102,325 in grant funding for the period July 1, 2019 to June 30, 2021. As in prior years, the County's obligation is to solicit Requests for Applications (RFAs) and select service providers. The Oregon Office for Community Dispute Resolution is responsible for determining the eligibility of the selected providers, entering into the contracts, reviewing the providers' quarterly reports and disbursing funds.

RECOMMENDATION:

Staff respectfully recommends the Board approve the resolution stating the County's intent to participate in the selection and expenditure of funds for dispute resolution programs within Clackamas County as an entity capable of and willing to provide dispute resolution services in accordance with Oregon Administrative Rule Chapter 571, Division 100.

Respectfully submitted,

Laurel Butman
Deputy County Administrator

**BEFORE THE BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS
OF CLACKAMAS COUNTY, STATE OF OREGON**

In the Matter of Participation in
Funding Activities of the Oregon
Office for Community dispute
Resolution



Resolution No. _____

WHEREAS, the Clackamas County Board of Commissioners believes that the settlement of disputes by mediation may lead to more long-lasting and mutually satisfactory agreements; and

WHEREAS, mediation may reduce the need for time-consuming and costly litigation; and

WHEREAS, the Oregon Legislature has charged the University of Oregon on behalf of the University of Oregon School of Law (Grantor) with the responsibility to foster the development of community mediation programs by making grant monies available to participating Counties; and

WHEREAS, any County wishing to participate must formally notify Grantor of its intent to participate.

NOW THEREFORE, IT IS RESOLVED that Clackamas County will notify the Grantor of its desire to be a participant in the expenditure of funds for community dispute resolution programs within Clackamas County, and Clackamas County agrees to engage in a selection process and to select as funding recipients those entities both qualified by the standards and guidelines adopted by Grantor and capable of and willing to provide community dispute resolution services according to the rules adopted by Grantor.

DATED this 14th day of March, 2018

BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS

Chair

Recording Secretary