

## BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS

PUBLIC SERVICES BUILDING 2051 KAEN ROAD | OREGON CITY, OR 97045

October 18, 2023

Metro Council 600 Grand Ave Portland, OR 97232

Dear President Peterson and Metro Councilors,

Clackamas County is pleased to inform you of an ambitious new project being undertaken with our County's share of Supportive Housing Services ("SHS") tax revenue. As you may know, the County recently issued a notice of funding opportunity for proposers to submit plans for development of resource centers to directly deliver supportive housing services. Resource centers serve as a safe, welcoming, and helpful space where people can access services to address housing barriers and connect to permanent housing opportunities.

One of the successful proposers is the Homeless Solutions Coalition of Clackamas County, Inc. ("HSCCC"). Using SHS funds, the County will be providing funding to enable HSCCC to acquire, construct, and operate a new resource center in downtown Oregon City. This will be Clackamas County's first project using SHS funds for both capital acquisition and development, as well as program delivery. This is a critical investment in supportive housing services infrastructure. It is also within our ability to use SHS funds for capital costs that support ongoing implementation of services, and is consistent with our Local Implementation Plan (LIP).

We believe this project will be a significant step towards meeting the County's LIP goals, which include commitments to building capacity, enhancing system navigation, and coordinating service access. We want to thank Metro for its continued cooperation and support in addressing homelessness in the region and look forward to sharing more details as the resource center project progresses.

Sincerely,