

MEMORANDUM

To: Board of Commissioners

From: Rodney Cook, Director of Health Housing and Human Services (H3S)  
Dan Johnson, Director of Transportation and Development (DTD)

Date: November 17, 2021

Re: Land Lease Renewal for the Veteran's Village

The Veterans Village is sited on a portion of a remnant property owned by the Clackamas County Development Agency at 16575 SE 115<sup>th</sup> Ave.

Clackamas County began operation of the Veterans Village as a pilot transitional shelter community program in October of 2018. This program was enacted in alignment with the County's strategic goal of ending veteran homelessness.

At the end of the two-year pilot period, on December 15<sup>th</sup>, 2020, the Board of County Commissioners unanimously approved a resolution to continue the current operations of the program, negotiating an extension of the lease with the Development Agency while exploring options for the County, through H3S, to purchase the property for the continuation of the Veteran's Village Program.

As H3S continues to assess options and opportunities for additional transitional services, staff would request the Board support a one year extension on the current lease with an option of an automatic one additional year extension to provide additional time to assess options at this facility and elsewhere throughout the County. Unfortunately the current lease expired on September 30, 2021 so time is of the essence to ensure no interruption of service to the current occupants.

Should the Board affirm this extension staff will advance drafting a revised lease agreement for formal Board approval at a future business meeting.