Application for State Revenue Sharing Funds

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Requested amount of state revenue sharing funds: $ 6,300.00

Describe your organization and how it benefits the City of Bandon community.

The Center for Dialogue and Resolution (CDR) has provided mediation services since 1981. CDR worked primarily in Lane County until July, 2023 when the agency subsumed another mediation Center Common Ground, serving Douglas and Coos county. CDR was able to retain the Common Ground staff and is expanding the existing services previously available in Douglas and Coos counties.

CDR's services include mediation of a wide range of disputes such as: neighbor to neighbor, landlord/tenant, eviction, divorce and separation, parenting plans, parent/teen mediation, small-business, nonprofit, and law enforcement/citizen, among others. Essentially, CDR is able to mediate any conflict that arises between two or more community members. In addition to mediation, CDR also facilitates meetings, discussions, and dialogues. CDR has a robust facilitation portfolio and has facilitated many disputes across local and state-wide initiatives.

CDR also provides educational services on its mediation and facilitation services, training community members to engage in more positive and productive communication and conflict management.

Provide an overview of your budget and what funding sources are used to support the organization.

CDR's total budget for the 2023-2024 fiscal year is approximately $680,000. The budget is broken down into the following categories with associated percentage of total budget:
46% - Grants from federal and state agencies, including the Oregon Office for Dispute Resolution
38% - Contracts with various businesses, schools, municipalities, local and state agencies
7% - Fees for service from educational activities for community members and groups, as well as direct services to community members in need of mediation and facilitation services.
10% - Other income sources like small space rental, fundraising, in-kind revenue, etc.

Each revenue source at the agency supports the overall structure and service delivery for the communities we serve. CDR operates with a full sliding scale and never turns anyone away for inability to pay. When possible, CDR uses grants and contracts to supplement the expense of providing services so we can reduce the cost for community members.

Detail how the state revenue sharing funds would be used to support the organization.

State Revenue Sharing funds will be used to allow CDR to provide low- or no-cost mediation services for residents of Bandon. On average, a mediation takes between 4-6 hours to complete. At an average break-even rate of ~$50 per hour which covers staffing and overhead costs. For $200-$300 per case CDR is able to completely cover the costs of mediation services. CDR also provides education and training in conflict resolution, including a "how to be a good neighbor" training.

The revenue request of $6,300. This will allow for CDR to provide approximately 24 (average two per month) free mediations and related services to Bandon community members. This will also cover the costs for CDR to conduct two "How to be a Good Neighbor" workshops in-person in Bandon in the coming fiscal year (Five hours of travel time, 6-hour workshop, design/preparation, totaling ~$1,400 each).

Additionally and in the course of its services and workshops described above, CDR will conduct a community needs assessment to provide to city regarding community needs for conflict resolution, mediation, and facilitation, which CDR will compile into a report to the City. From prior experience, CDR anticipates such a needs assessment to take ~30 hours of staff time, which comes out to approximately $1,500 total.

Additional information (optional)

Since this is the first year CDR has participated in the revenue sharing process, we are not certain as to the need or number of mediation cases that will take place. The above proposal represents and estimate and is, of course, adjustable depending on input from the city and community members. This application may also be considered a pilot project form which to determine needs for upcoming years.

Signature: miles mabray **Date:** 04/12/24

Note: If the space provided is insufficient, additional documents may be attached to this application.