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Interim Director

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Board of County Commissioner  
Clackamas County

Members of the Board:

Approval to Respond to the Meyer Memorial Trust Request for Proposals to Increase Access to Private Market Units for Low-Income Renters through an Affordable Housing Initiative Grant

<b>Purpose/Outcomes</b>	Permission to apply for grant funds to Increase Access to Private Market Units through Housing Choice (Section 8) Vouchers
<b>Dollar Amount and Fiscal Impact</b>	\$75,000
<b>Funding Source</b>	Meyer Memorial Trust - No County General Funds are involved.
<b>Safety Impact</b>	None
<b>Duration</b>	One Year from Time of Award
<b>Previous Board Action</b>	None
<b>Contact Person</b>	Chuck Robbins, Executive Director, 503-650-5666
<b>Contract No.</b>	None

**BACKGROUND:**

Effective July 1, 2014, House Bill 2639 made it illegal to discriminate against Section 8 Housing Choice Voucher families. Landlords and property managers are skeptical about working with the Section 8 Program and this grant would allow the Housing Authority to do extensive outreach and education with landlords in the private market in areas that are not typically utilized by Section 8 families. In particular, the Housing Authority would like to focus on improving lease ups in areas that do not have a high low-income or minority concentration. These grant funds would allow the Housing Authority to reassign existing staff to this project and provide the additional resources needed to develop and implement an extensive outreach and education program that would be rolled out over the course of the next year.

**RECOMMENDATION:**

Staff recommends the approval to apply for this grant and acceptance of the award if funded. Staff further recommends authorizing Richard Swift, H3S Interim Director to sign all grant documents on behalf of Clackamas County.

Respectfully submitted,

Richard Swift, Interim Director