

AGENDA ITEM FOR ADMINISTRATIVE MEETING () Discussion only
(X) Action

FROM (DEPT/ DIVISION): Community Development Department

SUBJECT: AWERE Grant Funding Recommendations

<p>Background: The Athena-Weston Education and Resource Enhancement (AWERE) Grant Committee convened on March 12, 2025, to review grant applications. For the 2025 funding cycle, a total of \$79,000 is available. The Committee received one application and recommends that the Board of Commissioners approve funding up to \$79,000 to the Athena-Weston School District for the completion of the Land Lab Swine Barn Project.</p> <p>Additionally, the AWERE Grant Committee recommends approval of a request from the Athena-Weston School District to extend the 2024 grant for the Community Track Lighting Project, in the amount of \$20,000.</p>	<p>Requested Action: Adopt Order No. BCC2025-015</p>
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ATTACHMENTS: Proposed Order

Date: (03/21/25) Submitted By: Robert Waldher, AWERE President

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Checkoffs:

- () Dept. Head (copy)
- () Human Resources (copy)
- () Fiscal
- () Legal (copy)
- () (Other - List:)

To be notified of Meeting:
Robert Waldher

Needed at Meeting:
Robert Waldher

Scheduled for meeting on: March 26, 2025

Action taken:

Follow-up:

THE BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS OF UMATILLA COUNTY

STATE OF OREGON

In the Matter of Approval)
of Grants of 2025 Athena-) Order No. BCC2025-015
Weston Education and Resource)
Enhancement (AWERE))

WHEREAS on February 5, 2004, Athena-Weston Education and Resource Enhancement (AWERE) was formed by the Board of Commissioners;

WHEREAS AWERE was established to distribute private charitable donations from FPL Energy to community improvements projects within AWERE's Service Area, specifically the annual donation of \$75,000 that began in 2012, and continued to 2021, and also funds from Community Services Fees under the Oregon Strategic Investment Program, with a current balance available for awarding of approximately \$79,000;

WHEREAS the AWERE Board reviews grant requests for the funds and makes a recommendation to the Board of Commissioners for review and approval;

WHEREAS the AWERE Board has made a recommendation for a recipient of a 2024 grant for the funds received in December, 2024, for a total of \$79,000.

WHEREAS on April 3, 2024, Athena Elementary was awarded a grant of \$20,000 for community track lighting; the AWERE board has recommended that the deadline for the remaining balance of the grant, \$20,000, be extended to December 31, 2025.

NOW THEREFORE, the Board of Commissioners orders:

A. The following distribution of AWERE is approved:

Athena-Weston School District - Completion of land lab
swine barn project - Up to \$79,000

The project is to be completed by December 31, 2025. Each recipient shall execute acknowledgment for awarded funds. Funds will be distributed on reimbursement basis to recipients upon request and verification by recipient.

B. The deadline for the grant awarded pursuant to Order No. BCC2024-036 to Athena Elementary for the community track lighting is extended to December 31, 2025, for the remaining funds of \$20,000.

DATED this 26th day of March, 2025.

UMATILLA COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS

Celinda A. Timmons, Chair

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ATTEST:
OFFICE OF COUNTY RECORDS

Records Officer