

BEFORE THE BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS OF LANE COUNTY, OREGON

ORDER NO: 17-01-10-08

IN THE MATTER OF APPROVING A SOLE  
SOURCE DESIGNATION FOR MOBILE CRISIS  
SERVICES

**WHEREAS**, the State of Oregon has provided funding for mobile crisis services through the Mental Health Investment Grant; and

**WHEREAS**, funding for mobile crisis services is anticipated to be renewed through the 17-19 biennium; and

**WHEREAS**, mobile crisis services will increase the safety and health of Lane County residents; and

**WHEREAS**, the Department of Health & Human Services has followed the required procedures for identifying sources for the services and prepared the required findings in accordance with ORS 279B.075 and LM 20.315.

**NOW, THEREFORE**, the Board of County Commissioners of Lane County **ORDERS** as follows:

1. Approve and sign the Sole Source Finding in Exhibit A, designating White Bird Clinic as the Sole Source to provide contracted mobile crisis services through June 30, 2019 for an amount not to exceed \$3,000,000.

**ADOPTED** this 10<sup>th</sup> day of January, 2017.



Chair  
Lane County Board of Commissioners

APPROVED AS TO FORM

Date

12/28/16

LANE COUNTY OFFICE OF LEGAL COUNSEL

**Exhibit A**  
**SOLE SOURCE FINDING**

Contract title: Mental Health Crisis Mobile Response Services  
Contractor: White Bird Clinic  
Contract amount: \$1,308,151  
Submitted By: Kendra Anderson  
Date: December 2, 2016

**A. BASIS OF EXEMPTION.** For some types of goods or services, there may be only one vendor available, for reasons such as acquiring parts or service for proprietary systems or equipment, necessity for compatible software or technology, a need to maintain warranties, or a lack of competing vendors. Pursuant to ORS 279B.075, Lane County has adopted a process to exempt such contracts from the requirements of competitive selection.

**B. RULES**

1. In accordance with Section 20.315 of the Lane Manual, a sole source finding may be based upon any one or more of the following:
  - a. That the efficient utilization of existing goods requires acquisition of compatible goods or services;
  - b. That the goods or services are required for the exchange of software or data with other public or private agencies and are available from only one source;
  - c. That the goods or services are for use in a pilot or an experimental project; or
  - d. Other findings that support that the goods or services are available from only one source.
2. The authority to make a sole source finding is granted in LM 20.315(2) as follows:
  - a. For contract amounts of \$50,000 and less, to each department director.
  - b. For contract amounts of \$100,000 and less, to the County Administrator.
  - c. For contract amounts in excess of \$100,000, to the Board of County Commissioners. For such contracts in excess of \$100,000, a notice must be published on the Lane County website and an opportunity for protest given, in accordance with LM 20.315(2)(c).

**C. DESCRIPTION OF THE BASIS FOR THIS FINDING**

This Sole Source Finding seeks to approve continued purchase of mobile crisis services uniquely provided by White Bird Clinic. White Bird Clinic operates the CAHOOTS program (Crisis Assistance Helping out on the Streets). CAHOOTS is a mobile crisis intervention team which is integrated into the public safety system and offers response for a broad range of non-criminal crises. Non-emergency medical care, first aid, and transportation to services are also provided.

White Bird has been the exclusive provider of CAHOOTS mobile crisis services since 1989. There is no other mobile crisis service currently in place in Lane County with the specifications and public safety partnerships as that of the CAHOOTS program. In November of 2013, Board Order 13-11-05-03 approved the submission of the successful grant application to the State of Oregon for Mental Health Investment funds specific to crisis services. The Mental Health Investment grant application included funding specific to the provision of mobile crisis services

in the Springfield metro area and the surrounding unincorporated areas of Lane County. In April of 2014, Board Order 14-04-29-01 approved the designation of White Bird Clinic as the Sole Source provider of mobile crisis services. In July of 2015, the State of Oregon renewed crisis grant funding for the 15-17 biennium. In December of 2015, the State of Oregon released a Request for Grant Proposals for Mental Health Investment Expansion Grants for Crisis Services. In February of 2016, Health & Human Services submitted an expansion grant application, specific to expansion of mobile crisis services in the Springfield metro area and the surrounding unincorporated areas of Lane County, which was awarded in May of 2016 and approved in Board Order 16-06-21-03. In June of 2016, the State of Oregon notified Health & Human Services that an additional \$110,180 may be awarded to Lane County for its mobile crisis service expansion efforts. A revised expansion grant application was submitted and Board Order 16-07-12-02 approved the acceptance of the additional mobile crisis services grant funding.

It is anticipated that Mental Health Investment grant funds will again be renewed for the 17-19 biennium. Given the development of infrastructure to support mobile crisis services in the Springfield metro area and the surrounding unincorporated areas of Lane County and that there is no other mobile crisis service currently in place in Lane County with the specifications and public safety partnerships as that of the CAHOOTS program, designating White Bird Clinic as the sole source provider of mobile crisis services would result in the most efficient and effective use of resources and would best serve the interests of Lane County and its citizens.

As part of the due diligence process for the renewed designation as a Sole Source, a Notice of Intent to Award a Contract was posted from December 5 through December 9, 2016. There were no protests received.

**D. FINDINGS**

Based upon B.1.a. and B.1.d. above, this contract continues to meets sole source exemption in accordance with Section 20.315 of the Lane Manual.

**APPROVED BY:**

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Signature

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Date

\_\_\_\_\_  
Title

**A COPY OF THIS EXECUTED FORM MUST BE PLACED IN THE CONTRACT FILE**