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To: I/DD community members, Tribal partners and ODDS staff From: Anna S. Lansky, Interim Director, Office of Developmental

Disabilities Services

Subject: American Rescue Plan Act (ARPA) updates

The Office of Developmental Disabilities Services (ODDS) wants to provide an update on our ARPA projects and funding.

First, thank you to all who joined our ARPA update meeting on November 22. We appreciate your questions and interest. ODDS plans to host a similar meeting each quarter. Please save the date for our next one on Monday, March 6 at 2 p.m.

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Second, you may have seen our <u>December message</u> about the cancellation of phases two and three of the **Capacity Restoration and Expansion Request for Grant Proposals**. This was because of significant interest and ODDS believing all funds will be spent in phase one. The first phase ended on November 21, 2022.

The solicitation stated that Intent to Awards may be issued approximately 45 days after the first phase. However, the evaluation process is still ongoing because of the large number and complexity of the proposals

received. This is our top priority, and we are working to supply intent to awards once the reviews are done, but it will likely take until at least February to complete.

If you have further questions about the solicitation or process, please contact Russell Brammer at Russell.Brammer@odhsoha.oregon.gov. He is the sole point of contact for this Request for Grant Proposals at the Office of Contracts and Procurement.

Third, the **Infrastructure Funding for Contracted Case Management Entities** (CME Innovation grants) have not yet been finalized. ODDS is still working with the Office of Contracts and Procurement and the Department of Justice on finalizing the contracting process and should be working with CMEs who received an intent to award to update contracts shortly.

Lastly, ODDS recently <u>sent a transmittal</u> about **Case Management Entity Grant Infrastructure funding**. This funding was made available to increase CME capacity to support ARPA-funded projects.

The <u>ARPA webpage</u> will continue to be updated with the latest information on all projects.

Thank you for your interest and excitement about this ARPA funding.

Sincerely,

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