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OLCC Provides Property for Crisis Center in Milwaukie Clackamas County will offer short-term behavioral health help

PORTLAND, Ore. – The Oregon Liquor and Cannabis Commission (OLCC) will transfer ownership of a portion of its property to Clackamas County that the county will convert into a short-term crisis stabilization center. The OLCC Board of Commissioners is expected to approve the transfer agreement at its May 16, 2024, meeting.

The Clackamas County Health, Housing and Human Services Department will operate the rapid behavioral health stabilization center. Clackamas County's Behavioral Health Division is partnering with the Clackamas County Sheriff's Office in the effort.

The county's multi-agency approach is designed to provide alternative resources to law enforcement in Clackamas County, reduce reliance on jail and hospital beds, provide voluntary assessment and stabilization, develop effective care plans, and provide connections to the appropriate level of care.

"Providing this kind of critically needed solution aligns with Governor Kotek's objective to establish more locally oriented behavioral health services," said Craig Prins, OLCC Executive Director.

OLCC has leased the property across from agency headquarters, on the west side of Johnson Creek, to Clackamas County for more than 44 years at a cost of \$1 per year. OLCC owns the land, while the county owns the two buildings that in the past have been used as community corrections facilities; only one of the buildings is currently being used.

Under the terms of the previous agreement, if the lease ended OLCC would have had to pay fair market value to the county for their buildings, or the county would have had to remove the buildings and restore the land to its original condition. The State of Oregon and Clackamas County agreed that option would not best serve the community. Instead, both governments agreed that the land transfer solution, which addresses mental health, addiction, and community safety, is a better option.

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