

# LANE COUNTY FY 20-21 BUDGET COMMITTEE COMMUNITY FUNDING REQUEST INFORMATION FORM

**Due Date: March 4, 2020**

**Instructions:** Complete all questions and submit to:  
**Budget Office, 125 E. 8<sup>th</sup> Ave, Eugene, OR 97401**

**Contact Person:** Joseph Szelesta  
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541-682-3741

**Agency/Organization Name:** Siuslaw Outreach Services

**Contact Person and Title:** Bob Teter                      **Email:** exec@florencesos.org

**Mailing Address:** PO Box 19000, Florence, OR 97439                      **Phone:** 541-997-2816

**Amount Requested from County:** \$ \$48,000 additional

Please note: Due to Oregon Public Contracting laws, the county may be required to hold a competitive selection process in order to award funds for this project/service.

**Project/Service Name and Description:** (please include target population, #of persons to be served, length of project, how & where services will be delivered, other community partners, and measurable outcome result to be achieved)

Siuslaw Outreach Services is designated West Lane Service Center by Lane County Human Services Commission. Siuslaw Outreach also provides additional services to victims of domestic violence, sexual assault, human trafficking and stalking. This request for additional funds is the result of increase need in the community and the agency restructuring to be compliant with both Lane County Funding and Department of Justice funding. The additional funds would be used as follows:

West Lane Service Center Siuslaw Outreach Services Florence, OR	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Serve 2,000 low income individuals residing in western Lane County who are experiencing some form of crisis event.</li> <li>• Direct client assistance for emergency and basis need vouchers. This will increase access to hygiene resources as well as laundry facilities in order to promote health for those who are unhoused and particularly vulnerable. In the Florence area, showers are \$3-4 each and laundry is \$6-10 per load. Transportation vouchers run between \$5 and \$27 each way.</li> <li>• Program cost associated with delivering basic need assistance and minimal case management.</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• \$10,000 one-time toward direct assistance in providing basic need vouchers.</li> <li>• \$38,000 ongoing to cover the cost of providing basic need assistance.</li> </ul>
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(to be completed by County Administration)

**Advisory Committee Assigned for review:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Advisory Committee Recommendation:** \_\_\_\_\_

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**Project/Service Name: West Lane Service Center – Crisis Assistance Program**

**Project/Service Budget:**

- Include/describe other revenue sources that will be leveraged to implement this project/service.
- If this service has been provided in the past, please provide historical data of funding sources and project expenses.

Revenue	FY 19-20 Actual	% of Tot	FY 20-21 Request
Federal	0		
State	0		
Cities	30,000		30,000
Other: Lane Co/ Grants/Private/Events	275,151		323,000
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>305,151</b>		
<b>Expense</b>			
Personnel	133,483		164,983
Materials & Services	33,866		39,466
Other: Direct Client Serv.	137,500		152,500
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>304,849</b>		<b>353,549</b>
<b>Net Request</b>	<b>302</b>		<b>\$48,000</b>
<b>FTE</b>			

**Do any other entities, public or private, provide this service?** Yes  or No  If Yes, Who? And describe your relationship with those agencies:

**Describe the demand for this service and the impact on citizens/customers if this service is not provided.**

Siuslaw Outreach Services provides critical services to low-income individuals and families at-risk or who are in the midst of some form of crisis event. In 2019, SOS provided service in one form or another to 3,002 individuals in West Lane County. Approximately, 11% of those individuals were experiencing domestic or sexual violence. The other 89% were experiencing some form of crisis such as homelessness, eviction, utility shut-off, displacement due to a catastrophic event and so on. The agency has been providing assistance to residents of West Lane since 1986. Lane County and the Human Services Commission has been providing funding for non-domestic/sexual violence programs offered by SOS for over twenty years. For years, SOS has trained all staff members to provide any service offered by the agency, until now. In 2019, SOS was notified by the Oregon Department of Justice and the US Office of Violence Against Women that new federal

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language has been put in place to require agencies that provide both advocacy for victims of domestic and sexual violence AND other services like basic need vouchers or utility assistance be compartmentalized. In short, SOS was required to make a decision. SOS had to choose to make the entire agency a domestic violence and sexual assault support program and give up Lane County Human Service Commission funds OR divide the agency into two distinct programs and compartmentalize those programs. Human Services Commission funds nearly 35% of SOS' overall budget. SOS Executive Director, Bob Teter, spent five months meeting with state, county and federal officials to request an exemption or come to some kind of compromise. He was able to receive an exemption on some points but, federal law required that if SOS was to accept funds from the commission to provide services to "non-victims," it must compartmentalize by January 1, 2020. SOS Board of Directors decided to proceed with compartmentalization. This meant create the two programs and reassigning staff. This also meant staff members who received funds to cover salaries from both Lane County and the Oregon Department of Justice could no longer do so. The reassigning forced a loss of \$25,000 in funds to cover those personnel expenses. Currently, compartmentalization and reassigning of staff reduce to capacity to serve clients as before. SOS, Executive Director, Bob Teter, has added to his duties by seeing clients to provide basic need vouchers one to two hours each day.

The budget above reflects the updated budget for the West Lane Service Center-Crisis Assistance Program.

**If this is an ongoing service, how do you plan to sustain the service beyond June 30, 2021?**

Once the decision to go forward to compartmentalize was made, SOS Board of Directors went to the community to ask for support to cover the \$25,000 loss to continue to fund the two staff members providing services on the on non-victim side of the agency. Within 65 days, the community responded by raising \$25,151. This demonstrated how much community member rely on SOS to maintain and in some cases improve the quality of life for people living in West Lane. We feel this additional Lane County funding will allow SOS to hire an additional staff person to handle the requests for assistance as well as expand its capacity to provide critical services. We will continue to pursue community donations and grant funds to sustain this program.



## Siuslaw Outreach Services

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### **WHAT WE DO...**

#### **Services for victims of domestic violence, sexual assault, sex trafficking;**

- 24/7 on call response
- Confidential services and advocacy
- Legal Aid
- Safety planning
- Protective orders
- Support Group meetings
- Safe House Program
- Shelter

#### **Services for struggling low-income individuals and families;**

- Financial aid for rent and utilities
- Prescription vouchers
- Transportation vouchers
- Clothing and food
- Emergency motel vouchers for families and disabled seniors
- Low Income Home Energy Assistance (LIHEAP)

#### **Services for those experiencing homelessness;**

- Cold weather gear and camping supplies
- Food vouchers
- Transportation to shelters
- Pet Food for service animals
- Short-term Emergency Motels Stays for disabled in extreme weather conditions

#### **Other Services;**

- Personal financial management education
- Employment education
- Tenant rights education
- Weatherization referrals
- Special programs and referrals for veterans
- School outreach and education programs
- State Penitentiary Outreach & Education Program

### **\*\*3,002 unduplicated individuals served in 2019\*\***

Clients Received Emergency Vouchers .....	2,720	Households Receiving Emergency Rent Assistance.....	64
Victims of Domestic Violence Served.....	325	Clients Served Who Are Experiencing Homelessness.....	763
Victims of Sexual Assault Served.....	19	Registered/Trained Volunteers.....	36
		Total Hours.....	10,924
Total Walk-in Visits.....		7,751	