

**TO:** Lakeview City Council

**FROM:** Michele Parry, Town Manager

**DATE:** October 26, 2021

**SUBJECT:** Tricities Consortium  
Attachment(s)

- Memorandum of Understanding - Consortium for Public Improvement Projects
- Cities of John Day, Burns, and Lakeview Grant No. HA-23-172 Agreement for 3D Rural Housing for Regional Equity in Recovery
- Professional Services Agreement – Seder Architecture + Urban Design LLC

## **BACKGROUND**

Our attorneys, who also represent Burns and John Day, have prepared the enclosed MOU for discussion about a potential tricities consortium to team with other similarly sized cities in our region on capital improvement projects.

Burns, Lakeview and John Day jointly applied for the DLCD 3D Home Printing technical assistance grant, which has now been awarded (grant agreement enclosed). This is an example of a regional need (housing) that can be tackled by three cities working together more efficiently and effectively than by any city working alone. Other examples of regional initiatives include middle-mile broadband, agriculture (i.e. beef processing) and distributed manufacturing, as well as recreation and tourism.

The proposed MOU is the first step in forming a partnership agreement with Burns and Lakeview that could be expanded in the future to include other cities.

## **DISCUSSION**

We will present additional context during the Town of Lakeview council meeting Tuesday, October 26, 2021. The city managers from Burns (Daniel Brown) and John Day (Nick Green), as well as the Lakeview (Michele Parry) city council, will participate in the meeting. The Burns city council is convening on Wednesday, October 27, 2021 to review the same material, and the city managers will attend virtually.

As outlined in the MOU, the city managers are asking our councils to do two things: (1) adopt or approve the MOU and (2) appoint one member to serve on the steering committee to help plan the tricities consortium.

We believe this approach will allow us focus our efforts on regional revitalization by empowering us to hunt as a pack. We can achieve greater economies of scale and increased economic gains for our member cities by pooling our resources and public assets across multiple jurisdictions. This approach will also allow us to facilitate regional public private partnerships and joint ventures for initiatives such as housing, while also providing a framework for managing complex community development and capital improvement projects through a single government agency.

Ultimately, we believe this construct will allow us to provide asset management services that pool human capital, property, plant and equipment (PP&E), and financing across multiple jurisdictions so that we can compete economically, without giving up our political autonomy.

The 3D housing initiative is the first test case for this program. Enclosed is the professional services agreement with Seder Architecture to begin the design, as well as the grant agreement for approval by the city council.

### **RECOMMENDED MOTIONS**

- (1) “I move to approve the Consortium for Public Improvement Projects MOU and authorize Mayor Lundbom to sign the MOU on behalf of the city.”
- (2) “I move to appoint councilor \_\_\_\_\_ to the planning committee for the tricity consortium.”
- (3) “I move to approve 2021-2023 HB 2001 & HB 2003 Planning Assistance Grant No. HA-23-172 and authorize Mayor Lundbom to sign the agreement on behalf of the city.”
- (4) “I move to approve the Professional Services Agreement with Seder Architecture + Urban Design LLC for a not to exceed price of \$60,000 and authorize the city manager to sign the agreement on behalf of the city.”