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**Clackamas County Board of Commissioners
Policy Position
Intellectual and Developmental Disabilities (I/DD) Proposed Budget**

Clackamas County supports adequate funding for the I/DD program: The Board of County Commissioners believes that people with intellectual and developmental disabilities (I/DD) and their families deserve the best care and support in order to live full lives and contribute to their communities.

Clackamas County supports the following principles to adequately address service needs for I/DD residents:

- An adequate budget must be based upon a workload model that accurately reflects all of the work being done by Community Developmental Disabilities Programs (CDDP), including the work of the Oregon Needs Assessors and Designated Referral Contacts.
- An adequate budget must reflect the actual expected caseload increase. In Clackamas County, our caseload increased by 325 individuals in fiscal year 2017/18 – a 20% increase.
- An adequate budget must cover a fair percentage of county costs. The current rate of 80% equity is not fair or sufficient. Counties understand that they will not receive 100% of the costs associated with running the I/DD program, yet we are willing to bear some of the financial responsibility to ensure a strong, locally responsive program to serve some of our most vulnerable residents.
- An adequate budget must ensure the safety, wellbeing, and opportunities for community involvement among people with I/DD. Service Coordinators help to monitor health and safety, connect people to activities and job opportunities, help families navigate the system, and connect people with other needed resources like OHP, mental health services, and job training.

When Service Coordination is not adequately funded, more Oregonians are at risk of financial exploitation, abuse, and neglect. Further, necessary oversight of providers does not happen, and people lose their connections to the wider community. Funding to support these I/DD programs helps to ensure that these risks are avoided.

We strongly urge the state to adequately fund the I/DD program.

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