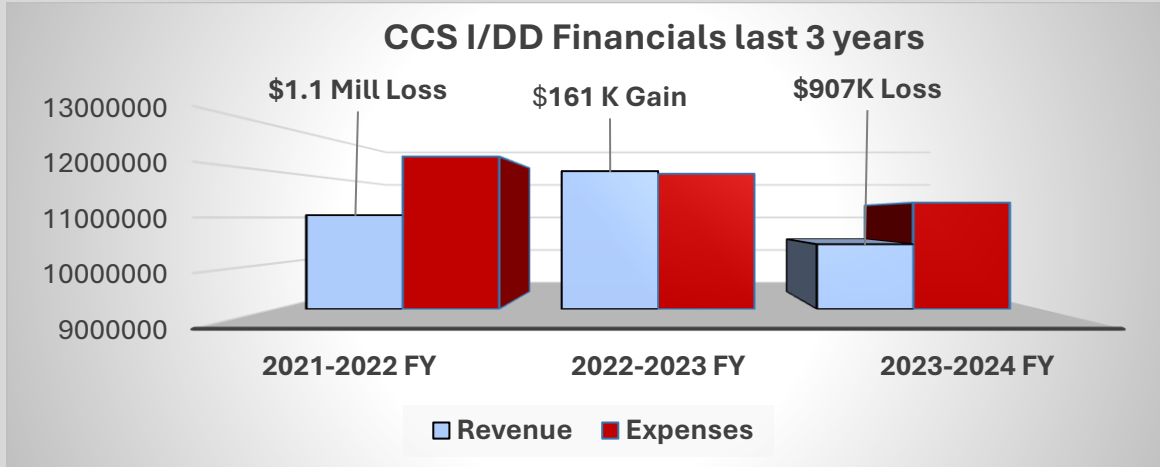


Issue: Catholic Community Services (CCS), like many other I/DD providers, has experienced expenses outpacing revenue from ODHS over the last several years, with no contract increases or Cost of Living Adjustments (COLA).



Over the last three years, CCS has incurred a **net loss of \$1,846,000** on its I/DD services, funded exclusively by ODHS. Despite previous advocacy efforts, ODHS continues to underfund I/DD Residential Services. Failure to adequately fund the service perpetuates social isolation and inequity issues this population continues to face and does not show the value we all place on their overall wellbeing and quality of life.

Contributing Factors:

- Stagnant ODHS/ODDS rate model funding without any COLA for many years
- Rapid inflationary costs on all goods, services, supplies, health coverage, etc.
- Rapidly increasing labor market costs

What does it take to solve the issue?

- 1) **Immediate 10% rate increase across all licensed ODDS provider types.**
(This change would account for gaps in the current rate model and cover current expenses).
- 2) **Require ODHS/ODDS to build-in a COLA** in their rate model, based on the annual Consumer Price Index, to keep rates economically relevant.

Without these changes, CCS I/DD services, and many other long-time and trusted providers, will no longer serve Oregon’s most vulnerable citizens!

