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Mayor Ron Lundbom
Nick Green, City Manager
City of John Day
450 E. Main Street
John Day, OR 97845

RE: Request for Marijuana Tax Revenue

On behalf of the Community Health Needs Assessment (CHNA) Substance Abuse Committee, I am requesting consideration for utilization of Oregon Department of Revenue Marijuana Tax funds from the City of John Day to help achieve our CHNA Substance Abuse goals. This allocated money will be used for the purpose of funding a community project to increase awareness of substance abuse and the potential for abuse by educating the community, specifically through improved data gathering on substance abuse within Grant County (Strategy 1) and providing education to the K-12 population and their parents or guardians (Strategy 2).

Under the Patient Protection and Affordable Care Act (PPACA), tax-exempt hospitals such as Blue Mountain Hospital are required to conduct a CHNA every three years with input from our community, public health experts, and key stakeholders and also put strategies in place to improve identified priorities. In 2016, four priorities for Grant County were identified: Substance Abuse, Trust in the Medical System, Access to Care, and Preventative Health & Wellness. The CHNA committees have three years to plan and implement programs or projects to improve these areas. The \$4,945 in potential funding will help our efforts to increase awareness of substance abuse throughout the city of John Day and Grant County in 2018 and 2019.

If you want further explanation about CHNA and our efforts, please contact Dorothy Piazza at 541-575-4151 to schedule a meeting with me, or to attend an upcoming CHNA Substance Abuse Committee meeting.

Sincerely,

Derek Daly
CEO, Blue Mountain Hospital District