

JULY 2023 NEWSLETTER



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LCOG BOARD APPROVES FY24 BUDGET AND NEW ADVISORY COUNCIL MEMBERS

This month, the LCOG Board of Directors voted to adopt the proposed FY24 Budget. The proposed Work Program and Budget for the coming fiscal year was considered by LCOG's Budget Committee on June 13, 2023. The Work Program and Budget represents our best prediction for revenues and costs over the coming fiscal year, and totals \$78,728,264, or \$481,141 increase over the FY23 Revised Budget.

[Click here](#) to read see the budget.

The Board also voted to appoint four new members to the Senior Services Advisory Council (SSAC). The SSAC advises the LCOG Board of Directors and agency staff on services provided by Senior and Disability Services (S&DS). The council also advises on the general welfare of older adults in Lane County and all other important matters affecting the administration of S&DS except for matters of personnel administration, staff pay and benefits. The new SSAC members are Rae VanZandt, Dianne Robertson, Katy Lenn, and Lisa Lightner.

ELDER ABUSE AWARENESS MONTH BILLBOARD AND OTHER OUTREACH



With World Elder Abuse Awareness Day on June 15 and the month of June recognized as Elder Abuse Awareness Month, we wanted to take a moment to share the work that LCOG's Adult Protective Services Team (APS) is doing to increase awareness of elder abuse in our community.

In June,

- We had an ad on the digital billboard at Eastbound 7th Avenue and Blair Boulevard in Eugene with the phone number and email address to report abuse
- Public service announcements aired on the radio (1050 AM KORE) and television (KVAL)
- We boosted social media posts on Facebook and Instagram

Throughout the upcoming year,

- APS will provide outreach to facilities in the community to provide education on the abuse of older adults and adults with disabilities. They will provide APS brochures and hand out magnets with the abuse reporting phone number and email address
- APS will be providing ongoing training at staff meetings

In FY22, our APS team completed 5,554 screenings for abuse and neglect, and investigated 2734 of these allegations of which 593 (22%) were substantiated. The number of investigations was a 12% increase from the previous year. These numbers have only continued to rise this year, with month after month of record numbers of calls screened by APS and allegations investigated by APS specialists. Every day, our APS team's dedication and skill makes a difference in helping some of our most vulnerable community members access support and resources to improve their safety and quality of

life.

We all play a role in preventing, recognizing, and reporting elder abuse as well as addressing root causes of abuse and neglect that can place our community members at increased risk. Please reach out if you have questions about APS services.

From Cory Suratt, Program Manager at LCOG Senior and Disability Services

REGISTER FOR A RACE FOR THE REST OF US



On Sunday, August 20, 2023, we are hosting our fourth annual 0.5k hybrid (virtual and in-person) fun run called **A Race For The Rest of Us**. This “race” will raise money for our Senior Meals Program, which provides food to Lane County seniors who might otherwise go hungry. New this year, we will also offer a virtual 5k. We'd love to see you there. [Click here to register by August 6!](#) We are also looking for sponsors. If you're interested, email Marisa Andrews at mandrews@lcog.org.

NEW LCOG BROCHURE

LCOG is an ORS Chapter 190 organization. It's governed by a Board of Directors consisting of one appointed director from each of its 35 member organizations, including Lane County, twelve cities, six school districts, one education district, one college, two parks and recreation organizations, three library districts, four utilities, a transit district, two fire districts, an ambulance district, and a port. The governing body of LCOG is its Board of Directors, comprised of local elected and appointed officials designated to represent member governments and agencies. [Learn more in our new brochure!](#)

LCOG MEMBER NEWS

- City of Eugene and EWEB finalize building purchase for City Hall ([Read](#))
- City of Springfield Makes 2023 Juneteenth Proclamation ([Read](#))

- Florence to Host Community Block Party ([Read](#))
- Four SPS schools to get upgraded security cameras ([Read](#))

WHAT'S HAPPENING!

- July 7-9 - Oregon Country Fair - Veneta ([link](#))
- July 12-August 30 - Coburg Concerts in the Park ([link](#))
- July 13-15 - Bohemia Mining Days - Cottage Grove ([link](#))
- July 19-23 - Lane County Fair ([link](#))
- July 24-30 - USATF National Junior Olympic Track & Field Championships ([link](#))
- July 23-24 - Eugene Symphony in the Park ([Eugene](#) and [Cottage Grove](#))
- July 29-30 - Blackberry Jam Festival - Lowell ([link](#))
- July 29 - Oregon Asian Celebration - Eugene ([link](#))

FOLLOW US ON SOCIAL MEDIA!

In addition to this newsletter, LCOG hosts pages on Facebook, Twitter, Instagram, and LinkedIn where members can track and find information about what's happening in the region. Scroll down and click on hit the buttons below the log, and be sure to like and follow LCOG's pages.



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