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## Chapter 9.15

### FINANCIAL ASSISTANCE FOR COMMUNITY GUARDIANSHIP AND CONSERVATORSHIP PROGRAM

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9.15.010 Title. This chapter shall be known as the community guardianship and conservatorship ordinance.

#### 9.15.020 Definitions.

- A. As used in this chapter:
  - 1. "Program" means a community guardianship and conservatorship program as described in section 9.15.040.
  - 2. "Grantee" means the organization that operates the program.
- B. Definitions contained in ORS 126.003 shall apply to words and phrases used in this chapter.

#### 9.15.030 Appropriations.

- A. Douglas County is hereby authorized to appropriate county funds for grants to support a community guardianship and conservatorship program. Appropriations shall be made in accordance with the Oregon Local Budget Law.
- B. Any funds appropriated and disbursed pursuant to this chapter shall be expended only for the purposes described in section 9.15.040.

#### 9.15.040 Purposes of program.

- A. The program shall be operated by a private nonprofit corporation that provides guardianship and conservatorship services for residents of Douglas County who:
  - 1. Do not have friends or relatives who are willing and qualified to serve as guardian or conservator, and
  - 2. Do not have the financial resources to obtain guardianship or conservatorship services from a qualified person or entity other than the program.
- B. The grantee shall endeavor to provide guardianship and conservatorship services in a manner that:
  - 1. Respects the values and choices of the protected person;

2. Employs the least restrictive means to accomplish the program's purposes;
3. Utilizes other community resources that are available for the protected person; and
4. Reduces the need for mental commitment proceedings.

C. The grantee shall:

1. Coordinate its efforts with the Douglas County Health and Social Services Department and other public agencies; and
2. Endeavor to develop other funding sources to supplement funds provided by the county.

D. The grantee shall not be an agent of Douglas County.

9.15.050 Grant agreements. Funds appropriated for the program shall be disbursed in accordance with annual grant agreements approved by County Counsel and executed by the board of commissioners. Grant agreements shall ensure accountability and efficient use of county funds by the grantee.  
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