



LANE COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS

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Dear Members of the Board:

Lane County has had an intergovernmental agreement with the Eugene Water and Electric Board (EWEB) for over twenty years to provide energy assistance and energy education services to EWEB's low-income customers. This partnership has benefited both Lane County and EWEB and its low income customers by coordinating and leveraging federal, state and local funds towards a common objective.

By coordinating services EWEB's low-income customers benefit from streamlined access to a variety of Lane County's social and health services, which enhance the wellness and stability of EWEB's vulnerable customer households. The ability to make a utility payment can often be part of a broader issue that a household faces to stay housed, employed, well or safe.

Lane County supports and recognizes EWEB's desire to make improvements and streamline the process that its customers go through to receive its rate payer supported low-income energy assistance and energy efficiency services. Lane County is eager to implement changes and improvements to this end.

Lane County would like to continue to maintain a partnership with EWEB through an intergovernmental agreement for services that would incorporate EWEB's goal of reducing costs, and streamlining systems and significantly increasing the benefits and impacts to EWEB's low-income customers.

We are hopeful that there are many opportunities for us to collaborate, implement best practices and increase program impacts. Lane County looks forward to assisting EWEB in achieving common goals in a way that benefits our citizens.

Sincerely,

Jay Bozievich, Chair
Lane County Board of Commissioners