

MEMORANDUM

TO: Clackamas County Board of County Commissioners
FROM: Nancy Bush, Public and Government Affairs, Interim Director
RE: Community Planning Committees (CPO) Liability Insurance Update
DATE: August 11, 2026

REQUEST: Board direction on liability insurance coverage for individual Community Planning Organizations.

BACKGROUND:

The County has received notification the County's insurance provider will no longer provide coverage for Clackamas County Community Planning Organizations (CPOs) under a single group policy. A previous Board of County Commissioners approved PGA to pay for liability and Strategic Lawsuit Against Public Participation (SLAPP) insurance policies covering Clackamas County CPOs as a group policy through Risk Management.

In recent years, the County's annual cost for this coverage has been approximately \$3,500.

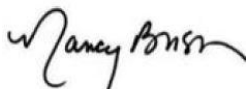
In May 2026, when Risk Management initiated the renewal process for the liability insurance policy, the County was informed that the insurance provider would no longer insure the CPOs under a single group policy. The existing liability policy expired on June 12, 2026. For CPOs to obtain liability insurance, each CPO is required to seek their own insurance policy. Estimated costs for each insurance policy is between \$300 and \$500. This will increase costs substantially for the County.

There are currently about 40 CPOs in Clackamas County. Approximately 20 CPOs are active. If all active CPOs obtain individual liability insurance and the County continues to fund that coverage, the estimated annual cost to the County would be approximately between \$6,000 to \$10,000. Depending on final policy costs this change represents a potential increase in expenses.

The SLAPP insurance does not expire until August 2027; however, it is expected the same situation will occur increasing the insurance costs for the County even more.

RECOMMENDATION: Staff seek direction from the Board regarding how the County should proceed with liability insurance coverage for CPOs now that group liability coverage is no longer available.

Respectfully Submitted,



Nancy Bush
Interim Director, Public and Government Affairs