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**FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE: Good Shepherd Community Health Foundation Supports Umatilla Police Department with Grant for 5 Life-Saving AEDs**

**Umatilla, OR- APRIL 23, 2024-** The Good Shepherd Community Health Foundation is pleased to announce that the Umatilla Police Department has been awarded a grant of \$8,740. Through this generous grant, the foundation will assist in funding the acquisition of five new Automated External Defibrillators (AEDs). This will help in improving public safety and emergency response capabilities in Umatilla.

As a cornerstone of community health and well-being, the Good Shepherd Community Health Foundation is committed to supporting initiatives that promote health, improve quality of life, and enrich the livability of all residents. Recognizing the critical role of law enforcement in emergency medical response, the foundation is proud to support the Umatilla Police Department to ensure prompt and effective interventions during emergencies.

“It is always rewarding to participate in enhancing the capabilities of our local Emergency Responders. The Foundation is pleased to be able to help the community of Umatilla in this small way,” said Liz Marvin, Executive Director of the Good Shepherd Community Health Foundation.

Automated External Defibrillators are portable medical devices that analyze heart rhythms and can deliver a controlled electric shock to restore normal heart rhythm in individuals experiencing sudden cardiac arrest. A cardiac emergency can happen anytime, having rapid access to AEDs significantly increases the chances of survival.

Sergeant Ivan Dike of the Umatilla Police Department expressed gratitude for the foundation's support, stating, " I'd like to thank the Good Shepherd Community Health Foundation for the award of funds for purchasing new AED's for our patrol vehicles. If it weren't for organizations like yours, small agencies like ours would have trouble getting the finances needed to get the lifesaving equipment. The importance of having AEDs' in our patrol vehicles is so important as Law Enforcement can arrive anywhere from 2 to 5 minutes before EMSS. 2 to 5 minutes could be the difference between life and death. So, with that being said, we are one step closer to being able to have an AED in each patrol vehicle. So, on behalf of the Umatilla Police Department, I'd personally like to thank your foundation for awarding us with the grant! "

The Good Shepherd Community Health Foundation is eager to keep supporting organizations such as the Umatilla Police Department, contributing to a healthier and safer Northeast Oregon for its residents and visitors alike.

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