



BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS

AGENDA REQUEST & STAFF REPORT

MEETING DATE: 12/20/2021

SUBJECT: Deschutes County Justice Reinvestment Grant Funded FTE

RECOMMENDED MOTION:

Move approval of authorization for the hiring of a FTE to implement the Supplemental Grant of the Commission Justice Reinvestment Grant Agreement.

BACKGROUND AND POLICY IMPLICATIONS:

On August 23, 2021 the Board authorized our application to apply for the Justice Reinvestment Supplemental Grant. Funding through this grant must support efforts to control ever increasing prison growth by investing in local criminal justice systems. The program has been in operation for a little over a year and is showing great success with our year-one clients.

Our FY21-23 proposal was approved at 68% of our request, which will still allow the Deschutes County Sheriff and District Attorney's office to continue our efforts to expand the downward departure prison diversion program with a pretrial services program through the funding of a pretrial supervision deputy and a dedicated deputy district attorney (DDA). The DDA will work in partnership with the Pretrial Deputy to assess all pretrial defendants, who are prison eligible for drug and property offenses. The DDA will review the screenings and comprehensive offender assessments to safely expand our current downward departure prison diversion and pretrial programs and will prosecute all downward departures.

The grant agreement covers the period July 1, 2021-December 31, 2023, but the support for the FTE is budgeted to the end of the FY22 fiscal year. The pretrial Deputy is currently a funded position through the Sheriff's Office. The DDA position is a new position. The DA's office will oversee the 0.5 FTE Deputy District Attorney position and P&P will administer the grant funds and appropriate the DA's portion as a pass through.

BUDGET IMPACTS:

Supplemental Grant FTEs

- 0.5 new FTE for DA's office - \$144,256

There will be a reduction in the State Revenue line as it was originally projected as a 1.0 FTE DDA position within the FY22 budget, but funding was awarded at .5 FTE Deputy District Attorney (DDA) from 7/1/2021-12/31/2023.

ATTENDANCE:

Kathleen Meehan Coop, Management Analyst (District Attorney)

Trevor Stephens, Management Analyst (Adult Parole and Probation)