



## BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS

# AGENDA REQUEST & STAFF REPORT

**MEETING DATE:** April 17, 2024

**SUBJECT:** Oregon Criminal Justice Commission IMPACTS Grant funding and term extension

**RECOMMENDED MOTION:**

Move approval to accept additional grant funding from the Oregon Criminal Justice Commission to support the Stabilization Center and extend the term of the grant through June 30, 2025.

**BACKGROUND AND POLICY IMPLICATIONS:**

Deschutes County Health Services (DCHS) seeks approval to accept the Oregon Criminal Justice Commission's (CJC) IMPACTS grant maintenance funding, in the amount of \$1,321,935, and extend the grant term an additional year, through June 30, 2025. Funding will support the Deschutes County Stabilization Center (DCSC).

The DCSC opened in June of 2020. In October of 2020, with funding from a two-year CJC IMPACTS grant, the DCSC began 24/7 operations. In September of 2022, a CJC IMPACTS grant amendment provided additional funding and extended the grant term through June 30, 2024. The CJC Grant Review Committee is making available one-year maintenance funding for existing programs. Funding levels were determined by CJC based on grantee's highest two-year grant cycle award, adding 10% to adjust for inflation and dividing by two to account for the one-year project period.

The Stabilization Center has become a model for how to divert individuals from the Criminal Justice System and other higher levels of care. We have been able to support 12 states and 7 Oregon Counties who have reached out to us to learn about our experience and how a model like the DCSC can work in other communities. Much of the work done at DCSC is proactive and preventative in nature by allowing individuals 24/7 access to mental health services when they need it most, often helping them avoid the emergency department or a further decompensation.

Our data indicates the following:

- We have served over 3,800 unique individuals and conducted nearly 13,000 visits.
- 15% identify as houseless

- 17% of individuals served are brought to us voluntarily by Law Enforcement (LE)
- Average length of time LE spends at the DCSC dropping someone off is 4.08 minutes
- 22% of individuals served utilize the 23-hour observation/respice unit
- Average length of time in 23-hour observation/respice is 10.6 hours
- Approximately 30% of individuals served were diverted from the emergency department.
- 131 individuals served reported they would have ended their life had we not been open - 31% reported they did not know what they would have done.

If approved, funding from this grant will allow us to continue to provide up to 23 consecutive hours of crisis observation, or stabilization, for individuals in crisis, in order to de-escalate the severity of the crisis. The 23-hour stabilization, combined with a full array of services, improves our ability to divert individuals in crisis from emergency departments and jail. Funds will cover current staffing (11 FTE) for one year, and 10% of indirect. The indirect charges to the department in excess of the approved 10% are included in the Fiscal Year 2025 Health Services budget and covered by Crisis capitation revenue regional Oregon Health Plan members.

**BUDGET IMPACTS:**

Revenue of \$1,321,936 for the one-year term of July 1, 2024 to June 30, 2025.

**ATTENDANCE:**

Adam Goggins, Program Manager, Behavioral Health