



BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS

AGENDA REQUEST & STAFF REPORT

MEETING DATE: July 23, 2025

SUBJECT: Approval of an amendment to an agreement with the Oregon Criminal Justice Commission for an IMPACTS Grant for Stabilization Center services

RECOMMENDED MOTION:

Move approval of Document No. 2025-682, amending an agreement with the Oregon Criminal Justice Commission for an IMPACTS grant.

BACKGROUND AND POLICY IMPLICATIONS:

The Deschutes County Stabilization Center (DCSC) opened in June of 2020. In October of 2020, the DCSC began operations 24/7 with \$2,403,519.52 of funding from a two-year Oregon Criminal Justice Commission's (CJC) IMPACTS grant. Through a series of amendments, the CJC IMPACTS grant term was extended to June 30, 2025, and funding increased to \$6,033,290. Deschutes County Health Services (DCHS) seeks Board of County Commissioners approval to accept IMPACTS grant amendment #7 extending the grant through December 2025 and awarding an additional \$378,491 of funding. Forthcoming amendments are anticipated that award the base IMPACTS funding for the July 1, 2025, to June 30, 2026, timeframe.

The Deschutes County Stabilization Center (DCSC) 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 13 states and 9 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 further decompensation.

Our data indicates the following:

- We have served over 4,829 unique individuals and conducted nearly 13,000 visits.
- 15% identify as houseless
- 15% 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 4.02 minutes
- 23% of individuals served utilize the 23-hour observation/respite unit
- Average length of time in 23-hour observation/respite is 10.3 hours

- Approximately 14% of individuals served were diverted from the emergency department.
- 200 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.

Funding from this amendment will allow DCHS 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 support current staffing (4) for six months, and 15% of indirect costs.

BUDGET IMPACTS:

Revenue of \$378,491 through December 31, 2025

ATTENDANCE:

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