



BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS

AGENDA REQUEST & STAFF REPORT

MEETING DATE: July 23, 2025

SUBJECT: Authorization to apply for an Oregon Cold Case Investigation Association Grant

RECOMMENDED MOTIONS:

Move to authorize the submittal of an application for an Oregon Cold Case Investigation Association Grant.

BACKGROUND AND POLICY IMPLICATIONS:

The District Attorney's Office seeks Board authorization to apply for an Oregon Cold Case Investigation Association Cold Case grant to secure funding that will allow for additional testing of evidence on a Remond Police Department cold case.

In partnership with the Redmond Police Department, the District Attorney's Office will send existing evidence on a cold case to companies outside of Oregon to help solve the case. Two of these companies are private labs, each of which uses a proprietary technique that enables them to extract DNA from evidence which most state labs are unable to extract. The third company has the ability to conduct additional analysis on DNA samples, which would help us increase the likelihood of identifying the correct suspect and solving the case.

If granted, the funds would be used to cover the expenses related to having the evidence tested by the labs which specialize in these DNA extraction and analysis techniques.

The grant cycle would be approximately one year – starting August 1, 2025, and ending June 30, 2026.

BUDGET IMPACTS:

If approved, the application may result in a grant award between \$8,000 and \$20,000.

There is no requirement for matching funds.

ATTENDANCE:

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