



BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS

AGENDA REQUEST & STAFF REPORT

MEETING DATE: October 15, 2025

SUBJECT: Acceptance of grant funds for Behavioral Health Deflection Program

RECOMMENDED MOTIONS:

Move approval of Document No. 2025-989 accepting \$311,908 in grant funds awarded by the Oregon Criminal Justice Commission for the Behavioral Health Deflection Program.

BACKGROUND AND POLICY IMPLICATIONS:

State of Oregon House Bill (HB) 4002 created a new misdemeanor for possession of a controlled substance. HB 4002 offers pathways to expungement, dismissal, or no charges filed, and encourages district attorneys and law enforcement to divert a person, in lieu of arrest or prosecution, to a deflection program. A deflection program is a collaborative effort between law enforcement agencies and behavioral health systems that strives to aid individuals in receiving treatment, recovery support services, housing, case management, and/or other services.

Collaborating with community partners, Deschutes County Sheriff's Office started the deflection program in September of 2024. This program is being fully supported by BHD grant funding. On August 13, 2025 the Board of County Commissioners gave approval to apply for both phase 1 and 2 of the BHD grant. This is acceptance of phase 1 funding. The application for phase 2 has not been finalized yet. Phase 2 application process will begin in October with the expectation of an award in December.

BUDGET IMPACTS:

The \$311,908 in revenue is included in the FY26 adopted budget.

ATTENDANCE:

Captain Michael Shults, DCSO

Jeff Price, DCSO Business Manager