



## BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS

# AGENDA REQUEST & STAFF REPORT

**MEETING DATE:** October 15, 2025

**SUBJECT:** Authorizing an application for a Criminal Justice Commission Organized Retail Theft Grant

**RECOMMENDED MOTIONS:**

Move to authorize the submittal of an application for a Criminal Justice Commission Organized Retail Theft Grant.

**BACKGROUND AND POLICY IMPLICATIONS:**

The District Attorney's Office seeks Board authorization to apply for a Criminal Justice Commission (CJC) Organized Retail Theft (ORT) grant for the purpose of continuing our collaborative ORT program. This partnership, between the District Attorney's Office, Bend Police Department, and Redmond Police Department, aims to reduce retail theft through improved relationships with regional retailers, increased enforcement, and enhanced prosecution.

The program began in Fall 2024 with a small ORT planning grant that resulted in a series of retailer listening sessions, and the formation of a Central Oregon chapter of the Organized Retail Crime Association, Oregon (ORCAOR).

If awarded a 2025-2027 ORT grant, the team plans to grow the Central Oregon ORCAOR membership, hire a crime analyst to identify fencing operations, conduct retail missions, purchase equipment to improve the identification and investigations of retail crime suspects, and continue community engagement activities. The grant cycle would be for 20 months – starting January 1, 2026, and ending August 31, 2027.

**BUDGET IMPACTS:**

This application was not accounted for in the FY26 budget.

If the full grant request is approved, the award would be approximately \$500,000. However, given the level of interest in this grant opportunity and the amount of funding available, we suspect an award will be less than the full request by as much as 45%. Our request is scalable to allow us to meet realistic program goals within the available funding.

There is no requirement for matching funds.

**ATTENDANCE:**

Kathleen Meehan Coop, Management Analyst