



BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS

AGENDA REQUEST & STAFF REPORT

MEETING DATE: June 5, 2024

SUBJECT: Oregon Criminal Justice Commission Deflection Program grant funding and Resolution No. 2024-033 adding 1.0 FTE Deputy Sheriff, Corrections

RECOMMENDED MOTIONS:

1. Move to authorize the application for the remaining annual funding for the Oregon Criminal Justice Commission Deflection Program grant.
2. Move approval of Resolution No. 2024-033 adding 1.0 Deputy Sheriff, Corrections as of June 1, 2024.

BACKGROUND AND POLICY IMPLICATIONS:

The Deschutes County Sheriff's Office is seeking to apply for the remaining \$378,336 of Oregon Criminal Justice Commission's Deflection Program funding.

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.

On April 17, the Board of County Commissioners gave approval to apply for deflection funding. The initial application for funding has been awarded and the Sheriff's Office seeks approval to apply for the second 50% of funding.

The Sheriff's Office intends to use the funding to develop, coordinate and implement a deflection program with public and community partners, and hire a new 1.0 limited duration FTE Deflection Program Coordinator. The Deflection Program Coordinator will be responsible for convening program partners as needed for the operation of the program, managing grant program funds, and tracking and reporting data required by the Oregon Criminal Justice Commission, including providing notification that a person has completed the program to those entities responsible for sealing records. Should funding no longer support the position, the Sheriff's Office will evaluate whether to absorb the position.

BUDGET IMPACTS:

Estimated additional \$378,336 revenue in FY 2025. Expense of 1.0 FTE Deputy Sheriff, Corrections position to be added to the FY 2025 budget. No adjustment is needed for FY 2024.

ATTENDANCE:

Michael Shults, Captain

Joe Brundage, Business Manager