



BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS

AGENDA REQUEST & STAFF REPORT

MEETING DATE: September 7, 2022

SUBJECT: Consideration of Board approval and Chair Signature of document #2022-741, a CJC IMPACTS grant

RECOMMENDED MOTION:

Move approval of Chair signature of document #2022-741, a CJC IMPACTS grant.

BACKGROUND AND POLICY IMPLICATIONS:

This amendment #5 to Oregon Criminal Justice Commission (CJC) IMPACTS grant #IMP-20-02 provides an additional \$2,307,835.05 of IMPACTS grant funding, and extends the term an additional two years through June 30, 2024. The new "not to exceed" grant total for the four year period October 2020 through July 2024 is \$4,711,354.57. With this award Deschutes County Health Services will be able to continue 24/7 staffing at the Deschutes County Stabilization Center, and operate 24 hours a day, 7 days a week.

In 2019, the Oregon Legislature passed Senate Bill (SB) 973, which created the Improving People's Access to Community-Based Treatment, Supports, and Services (IMPACTS) Program. This legislation was informed by a statewide Behavioral Health Justice Reinvestment Steering Committee, organized in 2018, which used a data-driven approach to examine ways to improve outcomes for individuals who are frequent utilizers of both behavioral health and criminal justice resources.

Informed by the analysis of the Steering Committee, the IMPACTS Program was enacted in recognition of the shortage of comprehensive community supports and services for individuals with mental health or substance use disorders, leading to their involvement with the criminal justice system, hospitalizations, and institutional placements. The purpose of the IMPACTS Program is to address this need by awarding grants to Oregon counties and federally recognized tribal governments to establish evidence-based and tribal-based programs to provide needed supports and services in local communities.

The IMPACTS grant “target population” is defined as individuals who receive services and supports funded through the IMPACTS Program, have one or more behavioral health disorders, and are booked into a jail an average of four or more times in a one-year period or are high utilizers of criminal justice resources, hospital or urgent healthcare resources, or institutional placements.

In June of 2020 the Deschutes County Stabilization Center (DCSC) was opened. In October of 2020, with funding from a two-year Oregon Criminal Justice Commission (CJC) IMPACTS grant, the DCSC began 24/7 operations. The 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 12 states and 7 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.

The goal of the DCSC program is to prevent individuals from ever becoming part of the "target population." 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 a further decompensation.

Our data indicates the following:

- We have served over 2200 unique individuals and conducted nearly 7,000 visits.
- 17% identify as houseless
- 21% 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 4.5 minutes
- 23% of individuals served utilize the 23-hour observation/respice unit
- Average length of time in 23-hour observation/respice is 11 hours
- Approximately 30% of individuals served were diverted from the emergency department.
- 2% of individuals served reported they would have ended their life had we not been open - 32% reported they did not know what they would have done.

Funding from this grant will allow us 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.

BUDGET IMPACTS:

Revenue of \$2,307,835.05 for the two-year term, July 1, 2022 to June 30, 2024. Funds will cover current staffing (10.4 FTE) for two years, and 10% of indirect. The indirect charges to

the department in excess of the approved 10% are included in the Fiscal Year 2023 Health Services budget and covered by Crisis capitation revenue regional Oregon Health Plan members.

ATTENDANCE:

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