

**Deschutes County Justice Reinvestment
Preliminary Grant Application
Due April 18, 2025**

Cover Sheet

- LPSCC Chair Contact Information
- Applicant Contact Information
- Fiscal Contact Information

Consultation of Data Dashboards

1. Has your county's prison usage increased over the past 12 months or exceeded your historic baseline? If yes, please identify local factors contributing to this trend (150 word Limit).
 - [Link to CJC](#)
 - Over the past 12 months, Deschutes County prison usage has fluctuated but remains well below our historic baseline. As of December 2023, we recorded 814 months, reached a low of 659 months in September 2024, and then rose to 988 months in December 2024 (the most recent data available on the JRP prison usage chart). Our historic baseline is 1,727 months, and the December 2024 figure represents 57% of that baseline.

2. Has three-year incarceration recidivism increased in your county in the latest data year or since 2013? If yes, please explain local factors contributing to this trend (150 word limit)
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 - Deschutes County's most recent recidivism rate for incarceration is lower than pre-JRP rates from 2014. Over the past 12 months, the incarceration rate has fluctuated, from 17.8% for the 1st cohort of 2017 to 17.1% for the 1st cohort of 2021. While these rates are higher than the statewide averages for the same cohorts, Deschutes County has historically had higher rates. However, there has been no significant increase compared to pre-JRP levels. We continue to monitor recidivism rates and are implementing evidence-based supervision techniques that research shows directly impact a client's likelihood to recidivate. We use Cognitive Behavioral Therapy (CBT) through MRT with male clients and Moving On with female clients. We have also implemented gender-responsive caseloads. Our Parole and Probation Officers (PPOs) utilize core correctional practices, Carey guides, Motivational Interviewing, and other skills-based interventions to address the specific criminogenic risks and needs of our clients.

3. How does your Justice Reinvestment-funded programming address racial disparities or other disparities in historically underserved communities (150 Word Limit)?
 - Our JRP program addresses disparities affecting historically underserved communities through effective supervision, adherence to risk, needs, and responsivity principles, and maintaining manageable caseloads for consistent, fair responses. Supervision is based on validated risk and needs assessments, with an emphasis on building rapport and trust during initial visits. This helps clients share their experiences, including their racial, ethnic, and gender identities, allowing us to connect them with services that meet their responsive needs. Since 2020, a community-based advisory committee has provided feedback on our processes and services. Through this, we've partnered with community organizations offering additional support and recently launched partnerships with peer mentor recovery services specializing in culturally responsive support. We continue to work on our equity plan, developed with the District Attorney's office, including joint training on implicit bias for LPSCC leadership. Additionally, we've introduced a gender-responsive caseload for Spanish-speaking clients.

Proposed Grant Program

1. Program Name: Deschutes County Justice Reinvestment Program
2. Was this program a part of 21-23 Justice Reinvestment funded program?
 - Yes
3. What type of program is this?
 - Downward Departure
4. Provide a summary of the program's purpose and key activities (200 words or less).
 - The Deschutes County Justice Reinvestment Program (JRP) focuses on reducing prison usage and recidivism while ensuring public safety. Clients are assessed using the LSCMI or WRNA and supervised based on their criminogenic risk and needs. Supervision includes core correctional practices, structured skill-building, and cognitive-based programming. JRP refers clients to outside providers for treatment and offers barrier-reduction services, including housing, clothing, DMV IDs, and other supports. The program collaborates with local treatment providers to ensure clients have access to substance use disorder (SUD) treatment, Medication-Assisted Treatment (MAT), or other services as needed. Internally, JRP offers cognitive behavioral therapy (CBT) services, including MRT for men and Moving On for women.
 - JRP also provides gender-specific caseloads and has recently introduced a Spanish-speaking, culturally responsive caseload to better meet the needs of diverse clients. The program prioritizes small caseloads for high-risk clients, particularly those on Downward Departure, providing intensive supervision and

support such as sober housing, case-managed transitional housing, SUD treatment, and transportation assistance. To address public safety concerns in early release or downward departure cases, JRP emphasizes early, accurate assessments, case management based on risk and needs, frequent contact to monitor compliance and safety, random urine analysis testing, and access to cognitive-based and other treatments.

5. Which of the goals of the Justice Reinvestment Program does this program meet (100 word limit)?
 - The Deschutes County Justice Reinvestment Program (JRP) aims to reduce prison usage and recidivism while ensuring public safety and holding individuals accountable. By assessing defendants' criminogenic risk and needs, JRP provides tailored supervision, including cognitive-based programming, specialized services, and intensive supervision for high-risk clients. The program uses evidence-based techniques like Motivational Interviewing, CBT, and Core Correctional Practices, and offers support such as sober housing, transportation, and treatment referrals. Small caseloads, frequent contact, and case management ensure public safety and client accountability. JRP's success in reducing prison usage, combined with targeted interventions and local treatment support, helps reduce recidivism and improve client outcomes.

6. Target Population: Identify the target populations(s) this program serves including underserved groups as defined in HB 3064 (2019).
 - The Deschutes County Justice Reinvestment Program (JRP) specifically targets individuals involved in drug, property, and driving offenses who are eligible for a downward departure and can be safely supervised in the community instead of prison. The program also accepts participants from the Alternative to Incarceration Program (AIP) and those on Short-Term Transitional Leave (STTL), with both groups split among all caseloads but prioritized for JRP resources. These resources include transitional and sober housing to support successful community reintegration. JRP serves individuals across all gender identities, races, ethnicities, and historically underserved communities, focusing on medium and high-risk clients.

7. Gender Identity
 - All

8. Race/Ethnicity
 - All

9. Other Historically Underserved Communities
 - Women
 - Socioeconomically Disadvantaged

10. What risk levels does your program serve?
- Medium to Very High (LSCMI)
 - Moderate to High (WRNA)
 - Does your program mix risk levels?
 - Low risk are on our case bank and our not generally included in services such as CBT groups.
11. Which crime types does this program serve? Select all that apply.
- Driving Offenses (generally ORS chapters 811, 813)
 - Property Offenses (generally ORS chapters 164, 165)
 - Drug Offenses (generally ORS chapters 471, 475)
 - Other: We take a look at all STTL and AIP candidates and if we can safely place them in the community, we will accept them regardless of crime type.
12. Which, if any assessment does this program use?
- PSC
 - LS/CMI
 - WRNA
 - TCU
 - URICA
13. Briefly describe how the above assessments are used in your program.
- The client begins with a Defendant Assessment Report, which includes the PSC, LSCMI/WRNA, URICA, and TCU, along with narratives about past supervision and criminal history information along with an outline of what supervision would look like for this client.
 - Once clients enter supervision, the PSC and LSCMI/WRNA are used to determine caseload placement, the level of supervision, and identify the top criminogenic needs to focus on during case management. This is all tracked using the behavior change plan module in OMS.
14. Has this program received a Corrections Program Checklist or the George Mason University Risk-Need-Responsivity Evaluation in the last 10 years?
- The entire program has not, but specific aspects of the program have.
 - Most recently, our internal MRT program underwent the George Mason review in December of 2022. We received a score indicating high adherence to evidence-based practices, with no major structural changes recommended. In addition, one of our main treatment providers has passed a CPC assessment in the last five years.

15. How does your program meet the legal definition of culturally responsive services as defined in SB 1510 (2022) (150 word limit)?
- Deschutes County is committed to providing culturally responsive supervision, treatment, and resources for individuals on community supervision, particularly those from Black, Indigenous, Latinx, and Asian/Pacific Islander communities. The county collaborates with community conversation group quarterly to target specific needs from our equity assessment. Additionally, Deschutes County partners with First Light, a culturally responsive peer mentor provider, to offer culturally appropriate peer support for recovery. The county also uses gender-responsive caseloads and has a Spanish-speaking culturally responsive caseload. Through these partnerships and targeted support, Deschutes County strives to reduce racial disparities, enhance outcomes, and ensure individuals receive the services they need to thrive.

Eligibility Requirements

1. Does the county consider and accept short-term transitional leave candidates as appropriate?
 - a. Yes
2. Does the county or county partners provide assistance to clients enrolling in the Oregon Health Plan?
 - a. Yes

Planning and Implementation

1. Describe the partnerships that will support your county's effort to achieve Justice Reinvestment goals.
 - Deschutes County's JRP program is built on partnerships at individual, community, organizational, and systemic levels. Staff foster professional relationships with justice-involved individuals, teaching personal accountability and supporting behavior change. Community members, including families and employers, witness and share the success of individuals maintaining sobriety and employment. The Parole & Probation division engages in ongoing Community Conversations with marginalized communities to share experiences and feedback. At the organizational level, the Parole & Probation division and District Attorney's Office meet regularly to coordinate on JRP programming. At the systemic level, the Local Public Safety Coordinating Council oversees the program's impact on recidivism, prison utilization, and public safety, ensuring it aligns with evolving laws and trends.
2. How does your county incorporate input from historically underserved communities and community partners in the design, implementation, and review of the Justice Reinvestment program?

- Deschutes County has fostered a committed community-based partnership through the Community Conversation group, which has been active since 2020. The group consists of community members advocating for marginalized cultural, racial, and ethnic communities, and county staff members. They meet quarterly using a restorative practice circle to build trust, discuss JRP and other justice programming, and address racial and ethnic disparities in the local justice system. The group has helped with implementation of culturally responsive services in the form of mentorship and helped coordinate the leadership Implicit Bias Training. Community Conversation has improved trust, innovation, and equity within the justice system and will continue to evolve, addressing emerging challenges and informing future strategies.
3. How will the county select which community-based victim service providers will be awarded funds? Will the County run a competitive process?
 - We will issue a request for grant proposals, and a committee from LPSCC will be formed to review the submissions. This committee will make a recommendation to LPSCC on how to allocate the award based on the 10% distribution. We will follow the framework provided by the CJC for the requirements of Victim Services Providers in the grant proposal process.

Evaluation Plan

4. How will your county meet the evaluation requirement for this proposal?
 - Remit 3% of the funds awarded to the CJC’s statewide evaluation budget.
5. What is your suggested research topic for the CJC to study?

2025-2027 Competitive Grant

6. Would you like to opt in for the Competitive grant?
 - Yes, we intend to apply and be considered for funding.

Letter of Support from LPSCC

Letter of Support from BOCC

Statement of Commitment from District Attorney

Statement of Commitment from Presiding Judge

Statement of Commitment from Community Corrections