



BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS

AGENDA REQUEST & STAFF REPORT

MEETING DATE: March 28, 2022

SUBJECT: Request approval to apply for the Oregon Criminal Justice Commission Impacts grant

RECOMMENDED MOTION:

Move approval to apply for the Oregon Criminal Justice Commission Impact grant.

BACKGROUND AND POLICY IMPLICATIONS:

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.

With the award of these grant funds, 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. This 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 \$2,403,519 for the two year term, July 1, 2022 to June 30, 2024.

Please see attached 5-year Analysis and Staff Estimate.

ATTENDANCE:

Holly Harris, Program Manager, Behavioral Health