



BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS

AGENDA REQUEST & STAFF REPORT

MEETING DATE: January 22, 2025

SUBJECT: Approval of an amendment to an agreement with the Criminal Justice Commission accepting additional grant funds to support the Emerging Adult Program and conduct a Statewide Restorative Justice Workshop

RECOMMENDED MOTION:

Move approval of Board Chair signature of Document No. 2025-013, an amendment to an agreement with the Criminal Justice Commission accepting additional grant funds to support the Emerging Adult Program and conduct a Statewide Restorative Justice Workshop.

BACKGROUND AND POLICY IMPLICATIONS:

The Office of the District Attorney ("DA's Office") has implemented a Emerging Adult Program (EAP) since June 2021. In the fall of 2022, Deschutes County received the original RJ-23-08 grant award from the Criminal Justice Commission's Restorative Justice Grant Program to expand the EAP. Since receiving that award, the DA's Office has received three additional funding awards to support this program through June 30, 2025. This fourth amendment covers additional staffing expenses related to the EAP between January 1 to June 30, 2025 and also provides funds for a restorative justice workshop.

The CJC Restorative Justice Grant funding has enabled the collaborative EAP team to enroll over 70 young adults in this program. To date, 46 young adults have graduated, 18 are currently active, and eight have been revoked. The DA's Office anticipates being able to enroll an additional 15 young adults before the end of June 2025.

The additional funding secured through Amendment #4 will fully cover the EAP staffing expenses which were not fully accounted for in Amendment #3. Increased salary expenses are due to the hiring of a new EAP victim advocate who was eligible to start at a higher step in July. In addition, the FY25 health care expenses were higher than estimated by the salary projection estimator tool that was available at that time.

The EAP team also hosted a successful statewide workshop on restorative justice in April 2024. Since there was additional funding available through CJC, the EAP team applied for funding again in this amendment to support another workshop in 2025. This time, the EAP

team will collaborate with the Restorative Justice Coalition of Oregon (RJCO) to plan and host the workshop.

BUDGET IMPACTS:

The DA's Office has received a \$170,000 award through Amendment #4. These funds were not projected in the FY25 budget. \$40,000 will cover the additional staffing expenses for the 0.5 FTE positions in the DA's Office – Victim Advocate, Program Development Technician, and Deputy District Attorney.

The remaining \$130,000 is for planning and implementing the RJ workshop, with at least half of these funds being distributed through a contract to RJCO.

ATTENDING:

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