



## BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS

# AGENDA REQUEST & STAFF REPORT

**MEETING DATE:** August 13, 2025

**SUBJECT:** Authorization to apply for the Oregon Criminal Justice Commission Behavioral Health Deflection Program grant

**RECOMMENDED MOTIONS:**

Move to authorize the submittal of an application for the Oregon Criminal Justice Commission Behavioral Health Deflection Program (BHD) grant Phase 1 and Phase 2.

**BACKGROUND AND POLICY IMPLICATIONS:**

The Deschutes County Sheriff's Office is seeking to apply for BHD grant funding. Phase 1 funding is \$311,908 for Deschutes County. Phase 2 formula had not been finalized yet.

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 distract 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 July 23, the Board of County Commissioners gave approval to award a contract with Bestcare and Ideal Option related to this program. This grant application was also discussed. Phase 1 application will be submitted by August 31<sup>st</sup>. Disbursement will be in September. Phase 2 application process will begin in October with disbursement coming in December.

**BUDGET IMPACTS:**

The estimated \$800,000 in revenue is included in the adopted budget.

**ATTENDANCE:**

Captain Michael Shults, DCSO  
Jeff Price, DCSO Business Manager