



BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS

AGENDA REQUEST & STAFF REPORT

MEETING DATE: May 29, 2024

SUBJECT: Approval to apply for Criminal Justice Commission Restorative Justice grant continuation

RECOMMENDED MOTION:

Move to authorize the application for a Criminal Justice Commission Restorative Justice grant.

BACKGROUND AND POLICY IMPLICATIONS:

The District Attorney's Office has been implementing a version of the Emerging Adult Program (EAP) since June 2021. In fall 2022, Deschutes County was awarded two years of funding to support the expansion of the EAP. This grant funding will continue until December 31, 2024.

The Restorative Justice grant is a funding opportunity that will allow us to continue the work of the EAP for an additional six months until June 30, 2025. It is believed at that time the State will have authorized additional funding to continue to support restorative justice programs for the next biennium.

The EAP is a collaborative project that has involved Community Solutions of Central Oregon and Thrive Central Oregon. Of the 53 young adults enrolled in the EAP, 21 remain active, 28 have graduated, four have been revoked, and two additional cases are under review. We anticipate being able to enroll an additional 25 young adults with this six-month program extension.

PLAN:

The DA's Office seeks approval to request approximately \$253,000 in grant funding to support personnel and program-related activities for the EAP program.

\$130,000 will be disseminated to our partner agencies and a \$122,000 will be used primarily by the DA's Office to support the EAP grant funded personnel, which includes 0.5 FTE DDA, 0.5 FTE Victim Advocate, and 0.5 FTE Program Development Technician (EAP Coordinator). If funding is awarded, these part-time limited duration positions would be extended from December 31, 2024 to June 30, 2025.

BUDGET IMPACTS:

As these funds have not been awarded, they are not projected in the FY25 budget.

ATTENDING:

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