



BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS

AGENDA REQUEST & STAFF REPORT

MEETING DATE: January 7, 2026

SUBJECT: Oregon Criminal Justice Commission IMPACTS grant application

RECOMMENDED MOTION:

Move to authorize the submittal of an application for the Oregon Criminal Justice Commission's IMPACTS grant.

BACKGROUND AND POLICY IMPLICATIONS:

Oregon's Criminal Justice Commission's (CJC) Improving People's Access to Community-based Treatment, Supports and Services (IMPACTS) Program was established 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 program is to address this need by awarding grants to counties and Oregon's federally recognized Indian tribes to establish evidence-based and tribal-based programs to provide the needed supports and services.

The IMPACTS grant program seeks to fill a service gap for individuals who have behavioral health diagnoses and are high utilizers of criminal justice and healthcare resources. The goals of the program are as follows:

- Reduce the number of jail bookings and emergency department hospitalizations for the target population through diversion to coordinated community-based treatment, supports and services
- Improve data collection, tracking and evaluation for IMPACTS program outcomes
- Invest in jurisdictions that have evaluated their local services gaps, can sustain comprehensive services with IMPACS funding while demonstrating program success anchored in data that is locally available and/or reported to the statewide database. Participate in statewide data sharing, implement program designs which may be replicated and use funds with significant impacts in local communities.

Deschutes County Stabilization Center

The Deschutes County Stabilization Center (DCSC) opened in June of 2020. In October of 2020, the DCSC began operations 24/7 with funding from a two-year Oregon CJC IMPACTS

grant. Through a series of amendments, the CJC IMPACTS grant term was extended through December 31, 2025.

The DCSC has become a model for diverting individuals from the criminal justice system and other higher levels of care by providing 24/7 access to mental health services. Providing 23-hour observation and stabilization for individuals in crisis, combined with a full array of services, improves our ability to de-escalate the severity of the crisis and divert individuals from emergency departments and jail. Additionally, DCSC's comprehensive model has attracted attention from 14 states and 11 Oregon Counties interested in understanding and potentially replicating this successful crisis intervention approach in their communities.

DCSC data includes the following:

- 5,218 unique individuals have been served with nearly 13,400 visits conducted
- 9% identify as houseless
- 16.87% of individuals served are brought to us voluntarily by Law Enforcement (LE)
- Average length of time LE spends at the DCSC dropping someone off is 5.88 minutes
- 23% of individuals served utilize the 23-hour observation/respice unit
- Average length of time in 23-hour observation/respice is 10.3 hours
- Approximately 14% of individuals served were diverted from the emergency department
- 211 individuals served reported they would have ended their life had we not been open - 33% reported they did not know what they would have done

Request

Health Services seeks BOCC approval to apply for the 25-27 IMPACTS grant funding. If awarded, this grant would fund continued 24/7 staffing at the Stabilization Center from January 2026 through August 2027. Funding would be used to support 12.6 full-time equivalent positions (FTEs) and include 10% for indirect costs. Applications for funding must be submitted by the Local Public Safety Coordinating Council (LPSCC) on behalf of the County. Health Services will coordinate with LPSCC for this request.

BUDGET IMPACTS:

Approximately \$ \$3,502,276 for the period July 1, 2025, through August 31, 2027.

ATTENDANCE:

Shannon Brister, Behavioral Health Director

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