



BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS

AGENDA REQUEST & STAFF REPORT

MEETING DATE: March 31, 2025

SUBJECT: Acceptance of a Central Oregon Health Council Behavioral Health Savings Grant

RECOMMENDED MOTION:

Move to approve Document No. 2025-331, accepting a Behavioral Health Savings Investment Grant from the Central Oregon Health Council.

BACKGROUND AND POLICY IMPLICATIONS:

In August 2024, Juvenile Community Justice applied for a Central Oregon Health Council's 2023 Behavioral Health Shared Savings Investment Grant. This grant prioritizes programs which address behavioral health challenges in youth, with a particular focus on Youth Substance Use Disorder (SUD) Prevention, Treatment, and Recovery Programs.

Juvenile Community Justice is in the process of launching a Substance Use Disorder pilot program for youth on supervision. The funds from this grant would be used to support this effort.

The application was for \$170,000, and \$127,500 has been awarded. Staff recommends these funds be used as follows:

- **Therapy Services for Justice-Involved Young Women:** Funding would be used to hire an outside contractor to provide therapy services for young women on juvenile justice supervision. Staff is considering implementing an evidence-based program such as Moving On, which is specifically designed for young women and can be offered in both small group and individual settings. Currently, Juvenile Justice offers Moral Reconnection Therapy (MRT) for young men, but no similar service exists for young women.
- **Mentoring Program for Youth On Supervision:** A portion of the funds would be used to expand current partnerships and possibly expanding services to youth on supervision in Deschutes County.
- **Consultation services to develop a restorative practice accountability program and establish a feedback system for youth and families.**

These services would directly benefit youth in our community and enhance the impact of the SUD program. At the same time, Juvenile Community Justice is working to secure the ability to bill for SUD services through OHP. It is important to note that the services outlined above are not reimbursable through Medicare/Medicaid.

At this time, staff seeks authorization to accept these funds via the Central Oregon Health Council's online reporting and acceptance portal. Community Justice staff will complete all necessary steps to finalize the process.

BUDGET IMPACTS:

Award of \$127,500, with the majority of the funds being spent in FY 2026. No new FTE would be added.

ATTENDANCE:

Trevor Stephens, Business Manager