



BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS

AGENDA REQUEST & STAFF REPORT

MEETING DATE: September 18, 2024

SUBJECT: Acceptance of a Criminal Justice Commission Organized Retail Theft Grant and consideration of Resolution 2024-042 to add .20 limited duration FTE to the District Attorney's Office

RECOMMENDED MOTIONS:

- 1) Move to accept the grant award and authorize the County Administrator to sign Grant Agreement No ORT-25-04 between the State of Oregon, acting by and through the Criminal Justice Commission and the Deschutes County District Attorney's Office.
- 2) Move approval of Resolution No. 2024-042 increasing appropriations and adding FTE within the 2024-25 Deschutes County Budget.

BACKGROUND AND POLICY IMPLICATIONS:

In 2023 the Oregon Legislature (SB 900) created the Organized Retail Theft (ORT) Grant Program to support projects across the state. The program budget for 2023-2025 has a total budget of \$5 million.

The District Attorney's Office was selected to receive partial funding for our Deschutes County/Bend Organized Retail Theft grant in the amount of \$17,877 to support establishing relationships with local retailers for four months - with the project ending on December 31, 2024. The grant will support an .20 Limited Duration FTE at the DA's Office, as well as training, travel, and meeting expenses that involve both the DA's Office and Bend Police Department. The .20 FTE will be added to an existing .60 FTE from September 18, 2024 to June 30, 2025.

If the ORT team is able to establish a relationship with a local retailer by the end of December 20, we will be eligible to reapply for the remainder of our original grant request in January 2025, which will allow us to complete our full list of goals and objectives outlined in our original proposal.

BUDGET IMPACTS:

Recognize grant revenue of \$17,877 and increase Program Expense appropriations by the same amount within the General Fund – DA.

ATTENDING:

Kathleen Meehan Coop, Management Analyst