



BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS

AGENDA REQUEST & STAFF REPORT

MEETING DATE: September 25, 2024

SUBJECT: Acceptance of Deflection Program grant funding from the Oregon Criminal Justice Commission

RECOMMENDED MOTIONS:

Move approval of Chair signature of Document No. 2024- 797 to accept the remaining funding for the Oregon Criminal Justice Commission Deflection Program grant.

BACKGROUND AND POLICY IMPLICATIONS:

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 May 29th, the Board of County Commissioners accepted the first 50% of the Oregon Criminal Justice Commission Deflection Program grant in the amount of \$378,336. On June 5th, the Board of County Commissioners gave approval to apply for the second 50% of deflection funding. The second application for funding of \$466,178 has been awarded and the Sheriff's Office seeks approval to accept.

The Sheriff's Office intends to use the funding to develop, coordinate and implement a deflection program with public and community partners. On June 5th, the Board of County Commissioners approved a new 1.00 FTE Deflection Program Coordinator. The Deflection Program Coordinator will be responsible for convening program partners as needed for the operation of the program, managing grant program funds, and tracking and reporting data required by the Oregon Criminal Justice Commission, including providing notification that a person has completed the program to those entities responsible for sealing records. Should funding no longer support the position, the Sheriff's Office will evaluate whether to absorb the position.

BUDGET IMPACTS:

A FY25 mid-year budget adjustment to recognize grant revenue in the amount of \$844,514 and increase appropriators in the Sheriff's Office by the same amount will be forthcoming.

ATTENDANCE:

Captain Michael Shults, Sheriff's Office

Jessica Vanderpool, Senior Management Analyst, Sheriff's Office

Cam Sparks, Budget and Financial Manager, Finance