



BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS

AGENDA REQUEST & STAFF REPORT

MEETING DATE: August 23, 2023

SUBJECT: Authorize the extension of the Criminal Justice Commission's Restorative Justice grant to December 31, 2024

RECOMMENDED MOTION:

Move to approve accepting the no-cost extension of the Criminal Justice Commission's Restorative Justice grant.

BACKGROUND AND POLICY IMPLICATIONS:

The District Attorney's Office in partnership with local community-based organizations received grant funding in fall 2022 from the CJC to implement the Emerging Adult Program (EAP). The funding provided was within the State's 2022-2023 biennium budget, which meant that all grant activity needed to conclude by the end of the 2023 calendar year. The grant program; however, was supposed to support initiatives for a full two years. We requested and received a no-cost extension from CJC allowing us to use change the end date of the program from December 31, 2023 to December 31, 2024 in order to meet the goals outlined within our original program plan.

The grant is covering Phase II of the EAP, which provides a restorative justice opportunity to 50 young adults cited for a crime in Deschutes County. The grant funds support 1.5 FTEs within the DA's Office, 1.9 FTEs at our partner organizations, and provide financial resources that can be used to assist the young adult offenders (responsible parties) and their victims (harmed parties) to help them achieve stability and to be in a better place for future success.

To date, we have enrolled 27 responsible parties -- two have graduated, 2 have been revoked, and 23 remain active and in good standing. Continuing the grant until the end of 2024 will allow us to provide this opportunity to the full 50 young adults and begin the process to track the longer-term impact of the program on recidivism.

BUDGET IMPACTS:

The two-year grant request was for \$1,147,721 with the majority of the funding being allocated for personnel and contracts with our partner non-profits (Community Solutions of Central Oregon and Thrive Central Oregon).

The grant was projected in the DA Office's FY24 Budget, and the entire grant amount has already been distributed to the County. The remaining grant funds, approximately \$400,000, are being transferred from FY23 to FY24.

ATTENDANCE:

Kathleen Meehan Coop, Management Analyst