



BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS

AGENDA REQUEST & STAFF REPORT

MEETING DATE: February 21, 2024

SUBJECT: Deschutes County Adult Parole and Probation Justice Reinvestment Funding for the 2023-2025 Biennium

RECOMMENDED MOTION:

Move approval of Chair signature on Deschutes County Document No. 2024-161 accepting a two-year State grant for justice reinvestment funding.

BACKGROUND AND POLICY IMPLICATIONS:

House Bill 3194 was passed by the Oregon Legislature in 2013 to address the growing prison population through investment in local criminal justice systems. Deschutes County has applied for and received grant funds from this program every application cycle since its inception. This year, the grant consists of a formula allocation and an optional competitive allocation. Deschutes County applied for full funding under the formula allocation and also applied for funding under the competitive application, with the result that the County was granted full approval for a formula allocation of \$1,816,216.27 and also awarded \$519,403.92 in competitive funding.

Justice reinvestment focuses on two major goals: safe prison bed reduction for individuals with prison eligible drug, property and driving crimes, and reduction in recidivism for clients on supervision for eligible crimes. A companion focus of the program is on ensuring public safety and holding clients accountable.

Funding requested for the 2023-2025 biennium will be used to sustain work which has shown some impacts for both prison utilization and recidivism reduction. Deschutes County's Justice Reinvestment Program (JRP) is designed for clients who receive a "downward departure" sentence in lieu of prison or who release from prison early on Short-Term Transitional Leave (STTL) or Alternative to Incarceration Program (AIP). The Justice Reinvestment Program aims to safely and effectively supervise clients in the community based on their criminogenic risk and needs. In addition to supervision, clients receive risk and need assessments, case management with an emphasis on structured skill building, and support for cognitive-based therapy. We also work to connect clients to treatment based on their risk/needs profile and help reduce barriers to basic needs such as housing and transportation. Our program has been working closely with the District

Attorney's office and will continue that partnership for the 2023-2025 biennium.

BUDGET IMPACTS:

This grant has already been accounted for in our budget.

Together, the formula award of \$1,816,216.27 and the competitive award of \$577,079.73 total \$2,393,296 in grant funding over the biennium. The County's partner victim services agencies will receive \$244,914.81 of this total.

ATTENDANCE:

Trevor Stephens, Business Manager (Community Justice)

Nicoli Brower, Administrative Analyst (Adult Parole and Probation)