



BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS

AGENDA REQUEST & STAFF REPORT

MEETING DATE: January 21, 2026

SUBJECT: Authorization to accept a Criminal Justice Commission Illegal Marijuana Market Enforcement grant

RECOMMENDED MOTION:

Move approval of Document No. 2026-0033 to accept a Criminal Justice Commission Illegal Marijuana Market Enforcement grant award.

BACKGROUND AND POLICY IMPLICATIONS:

In 2018, the Criminal Justice Commission Illegal Marijuana Market Enforcement grant program was established to assist law enforcement with the costs incurred by local law enforcement agencies and District Attorney offices in addressing unlawful marijuana cultivation or distribution operations.

The Deschutes County District Attorney's Office, Deschutes County Sheriff's Office and Bend Police Department were awarded grant money to address the problem. The first grant was offered for a period of one year, July 1, 2018 to June 30, 2019. Since that time, the CJC has continued to offer the opportunity to apply for and receive funding to continue addressing illegal marijuana in our community. The next grant funding was awarded from July 1, 2019 to June 30, 2021. The next grant was awarded from July 1, 2021 to December 31, 2023.

In early 2022, an additional grant was offered and was called the Illegal Marijuana New Hire Project. Deschutes County Sheriff's Office applied for additional funding to help support the DCIMME unit with funds for personnel and equipment. This grant was only for the Deschutes County Sheriff's Office. The Deschutes County Sheriff's Office was awarded the additional grant money and it was combined with the original grant funds. The two grants combined are called the DCSO Illegal Marijuana New Hire Grant with the funding term designated from 2022 to December 2025.

In January of 2024, the CJC reached out to existing grant holders and offered additional funds. A formal application was not required, only a new budget request form and a meeting with the CJC grant staff. The Deschutes County District Attorney's Office was able

to request to be added to the existing grant with the Deschutes County Sheriff's Office. Both agencies were approved for funding until December 31, 2025.

The CJC opened another formal grant application to law enforcement agencies in Oregon for the time period of October 2025 – June 2027. The Deschutes County Sheriff's Office applied for a new grant with the proposed funding term of January 1, 2026 to June 30, 2027.

The grant application was received and accepted by the CJC. All agencies were asked to prepare multiple budget scenarios for the reduced funding being offered for 2025 – 2027. The Deschutes County Sheriff's Office and Deschutes County DA's office requested \$901,242.72 and received \$263,718.00 for eighteen months. Due to the significant reduction of the grant, the entire award will be used by the Deschutes County Sheriff's Office.

BUDGET IMPACTS:

\$263,720 total funding for the Deschutes County Sheriff's Office over FY26 and FY27 (\$131,860 in FY26 and \$131,860 in FY27).

ATTENDANCE:

Danielle Martell, Management Analyst with Deschutes County Sheriff's Office
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