



BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS

AGENDA REQUEST & STAFF REPORT

MEETING DATE: January 21, 2026

SUBJECT: Approval to accept a grant from the Oregon Criminal Justice Commission for the Behavioral Health Deflection Program

RECOMMENDED MOTIONS:

Move approval of Document No. 2026-0036, an agreement with Oregon Criminal Justice Commission to accept a grant for the Behavioral Health Deflection Program.

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 District 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.

Collaborating with community partners, Deschutes County Sheriff's Office started the deflection program in September of 2024. This program is being fully supported by Behavioral Health Deflection (BHD) grant funding. On August 13, 2025, the Board of County Commissioners authorized applying for both phase 1 and 2 of the BHD grant. DCSO now asks that the Board approve accepting the phase 2 funding. Both phases of this grant provide \$1,449,796 in total funding for the period of July 1, 2025-August 31, 2027.

BUDGET IMPACTS:

The additional \$379,296 in FY26 revenue is already included in the FY26 adopted budget.

ATTENDANCE:

Michael Gill, Captain
Jeff Price, Business Manager