



BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS

AGENDA REQUEST & STAFF REPORT

MEETING DATE: May 10, 2023

SUBJECT: BOCC Letter of Support for the Deschutes County Justice Reinvestment Preliminary Formula Grant Application for the 23-25 Biennium

RECOMMENDED MOTION:

Move approval of Chair signature on a letter communicating the Board's support for the Oregon Justice Reinvestment Program preliminary formula grant application.

BACKGROUND AND POLICY IMPLICATIONS:

House Bill 3194 was passed by the Oregon Legislature as a means to control ever increasing prison growth by investing in local criminal justice systems. The funding started in the 13-15 biennium and the Oregon Legislature has continued to fund this grant program. Deschutes County through collaboration with LPSCC agencies has applied for and received the grant funds every application cycle and is applying for funds for the 23-25 biennium. The grant this year consists of a preliminary grant application for formula funds and will follow with a secondary application process that includes victim's services, a program budget and the competitive grant funding application.

Justice Reinvestment has focused on two major goals. First, safe prison bed reduction for individuals with prison eligible drug, property and driving crimes. Second, reduction in recidivism for clients on supervision for JRP eligible crimes. While doing this the focus has also been on ensuring public safety and holding clients accountable. Funding requested for the 23-25 biennium will be used to sustain the work we have been doing which has shown some impacts for both prison utilization and recidivism reduction. Deschutes County Justice Reinvestment Program is designed for clients who receive a Downward Departure sentence in lieu of prison or who release from prison early on Sort-Term Transitional Leave (STTL) or Alternative to Incarceration Program (AIP). The JRP 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 needs 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 basic needs barriers such as housing and transportation. Our program has been working closely with the District Attorney's office over the years and more recently we have worked with the Sheriff's office on a pre-trial component.

We are requesting authorization for chair signature on a letter of support from the Board for the preliminary grant application. The application is attached and has been reviewed and approved by LPSCC.

BUDGET IMPACTS:

A budget has not been released in terms of the amount of funds available for Deschutes County. This will be available once the legislative session has concluded. We are anticipating a similar allocation as last biennium. For the 2021-2023 biennium we received \$1,563,762 for FTE and services connected to formula funding. This did not include supplemental and other competitive funds.

ATTENDANCE:

Trevor Stephens, Business Manager (Community Justice)