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To: Yamhill County Board of Commissioners
Rick Olson, Chair and Liaison Commissioner for Department of Community Justice (DCJ) Juvenile Division

From: Jessica Beach
DCJ Director

RE: Request for approval to submit application for and accept Youth Development Division Juvenile Crime Prevention (JCP) State Funds to support the Yamhill County Peer Court Program

Each biennium, the Oregon Youth Development Division offers special grant state funding to local county jurisdictions for various proactive and educational work with Oregon Youth. The plan must provide for coordination of community-wide services involving treatment, education, employment and intervention strategies aimed at crime prevention. One of these grants is the Juvenile Crime Prevention (JCP) grant. Since 2001, Yamhill County has used these grants funds to operate the Peer Court Program for first time, low risk referred youth. Upon referral to Juvenile Probation, a Juvenile Crime Prevention (JCP) Risk Assessment is completed to determine risk. Low risk youth are then offered Peer Court as a voluntary diversion from the formal, local Juvenile Justice System.

The JCP funds are intended to be dedicated to youth at the front end of the juvenile justice system. They are to be used with youth for targeted prevention and with one or more of these risk factors as delineated in the JCP Risk Assessment tool used by county juvenile departments.

- a. Antisocial behavior (attitudes, values and belief system of the individual)
- b. Poor family and youth functioning
- c. Failure in school
- d. Substance abuse problems
- e. Negative peer influences

In 2017-18, Yamhill County Juvenile successfully offered Peer Court to 92 youth.

In conclusion, DCJ Juvenile Probation Division is requesting support from the Board of Commissioners to request JCP state funds from the Youth Development Division to continue our Peer Court Program.

Thank you.

Richard Olson / Board of Commissioner / Chair

5/6/19

Date

Accepted by Yamhill County
Board of Commissioners on

5/2/19 by Board Order
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