



# Yamhill County Department of Community Justice

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**Date:** 7/1/2021

**To:** Yamhill County Board of Commissioners

**From:** Jessica Beach, Yamhill County Department of Community Justice (YCDCJ) Director

**Re:** Request for approval to submit Reengagement Opportunity Grant Application to the Youth Development Division

Last biennium (2019-21), the BOC approved the grant application and FTE of an Education Transition Specialist (ETS) in the Juvenile Probation Department through a Youth Development Division (YDD) grant awarded in 2019. The current grant cycle ends on June 30, 2021. The attached Reengagement Opportunity Grant application is an effort to continue the beneficial work of the current ETS who works with youth at risk of academic failure or disengagement from school altogether. Academic failure and non-attendance are known risk factors in the juvenile justice system for recidivating with a new criminal referral. If approved, this grant will allow for the hiring of an ETS to continue this valuable work. It is anticipated more youth will be served during the 2021-23 biennium as it is expected that referrals will increase after the COVID pandemic of 2020 and youth begin attending school in person again. It should be noted that the ETS FTE and revenue for the ETS position was included in the Board and Budget Committee approved 2021-22 fiscal year budget with anticipation of grant award. Further, the current ETS employee chose to leave the county in June of 2021 for other pursuits so the current FTE remains vacant.

The 2021-23 grant cycle begins July 1, 2021, although the YDD does not expect to be able to notify the awardees until late August of 2021 if approved for funding. If the Yamhill County Juvenile Probation Department is awarded this grant, we do not anticipate hiring the vacant ETS .8 FTE until October of 2021 given the lengthy hiring process if awarded this grant. The total amount requested from the YDD to fund this grant is \$157,571 for the 2019-21 biennium calculating a hire date of October 24, 2021. Requests for reimbursement are on a quarterly basis.

Thank you for your consideration in approving the submission of the YDD Reengagement Opportunity Grant for the hiring of an Education Transition Specialist. The grant submission is due July 16, 2021 by 1pm.

Please let me know if you have any questions.

Accepted by Yamhill County  
Board of Commissioners on  
7/8/21 by Board Order  
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