



Yamhill County Department of Community Justice

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Date: 3/23/2023

To: Yamhill County Board of Commissioners

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

Re: Request for approval to submit application for the Youth Development Division Juvenile Crime Prevention (JCP) State Funds to support the Yamhill County Prevention Program

Each biennium, the Oregon Youth Development Division offers special grant State funding to local county jurisdictions for various proactive and risk responsive work with Oregon youth. The submitted 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 been awarded and used these funds to operate the Peer Court Program to primarily serve low risk referred youth. This biennium, we plan to increase eligibility of youth in the program to incorporate those cited for minor in possession of alcohol and or drugs. We see the need to track these youth more closely to ensure they receive the treatment that meets their needs. The Juvenile Probation Division remains committed to serving youth at the lowest level of involvement in the juvenile justice system. During the 21-23 biennium, 20% of our total referred youth were diverted. In 2020-21, we diverted 25% of youth. The Yamhill County Prevention Program (YCPP) is a voluntary diversion from the formal juvenile justice system if the youth is not contesting the referral. All police reports continue to be reviewed by the Deputy District Attorney for merit.

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 the below risk factors as delineated in the JCP risk assessment tool used statewide by Oregon county juvenile departments.

- a. Antisocial behavior (attitudes, values and belief system that supports criminal conduct),
- b. Negative peer Influences,
- c. Substance abuse problems,
- d. School related failure (academic/non-attendance).

In 2020-21, Yamhill County Juvenile successfully offered Peer Court Diversion to 82 youth. With the addition of violations, we anticipate more youth will be served in the 2023-25 YCPP.

On 03/22/23, the Yamhill County Prevention Plan was presented to our LPSCC and was approved for submission to the Board for final authorization for application submission.

In conclusion, the Department of Community Justice Juvenile Division is requesting support from the Board of Commissioners to submit a JCP application for state funds for the Oregon Youth Development Division to fund our local Yamhill County Prevention Program. Please note this application is due 3/31/23.

Thank you for your consideration.



Lindsay Berschauer, Chair
Board of Commissioners, YCDCJ Liaison

3.30.23

Date

Accepted by Yamhill County
Board of Commissioners on
3.30.23 by Board Order
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