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To: Yamhill County Board of Commissioners

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

Re: Request for approval to submit Yamhill County's 2023-25 Justice Reinvestment Criminal Justice Commission (CJC) Grant Application

Since the passage of HB 3194 and inception of the Criminal Justice Commission Justice Reinvestment (JRI) Grant, Yamhill County has applied for and been awarded funds to continue support of our local SMART Sentencing Prison Diversion and Pretrial Justice Programs. To continue much needed support of these programs, we plan to submit another grant application for the 2023-25 biennium. This biennium, the application consists of a two phased application process. The first phase of the application process includes a letter of commitment from the Presiding Judge, YCDCJ Director and Yamhill County DA as well as letters of support from LPSCC and the Board of Commissioners (BOC). Most of the content of the first phase of the application consisted of narrative questions regarding the JRI programs we plan to support if awarded grant funds, review of the CJC Dashboards with regards to statewide and local prison usage, recidivism rates and ethnic disparity as well as overall discussion about local collaborative efforts toward JRI. Phase II consisted of the ability to respond to any questions or clarifications the Grant Review Committee may have of the narrative questions submitted in Phase I as well as the formula budgetary component. Phase II also included the "competitive" (previously known as "supplemental") portion of the grant as well as the 10% non-for-profit victim advocate funding will also be part of this Phase II process. Historically, the competitive portion of the JRI grant has been awarded to the DA's Office to support a DDA position assigned to the SMART Sentencing Diversion Program and allocated victim's advocate funds awarded to Juliette's House and Henderson House equally. This last phase of the application will be due to the CJC on 9/13/23.

In total, our JRI Formula Grant for the 2023-25 biennium at Yamhill County's 2.24% allocation is a total of \$887,811 for continues support of YCDCJ's Pretrial Justice and SMART Sentencing Prison Diversion Program. Per statute, 10% of formula funds are allocated equally between Juliette's House (JH) and Henderson House (HH), for a total of \$102,047 for the 2023-25 biennium. Our "competitive" portion of the grant includes as ask for a total of \$321,472 to support one full-time FTE DA assigned to the SMART Sentencing Prison Diversion Program, training, and equipment for the DA's Office. It should be noted that whatever Yamhill County is awarded for the competitive portion of the grant, 10% of these funds are also awarded equally among JH and HH.

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On 08/30/23, the Local Public Safety Coordinating Counsel (LPSCC) met to discuss the CJC JRI Phase II grant application. A vote of approval was received for submission to the BOC for final approval of submission to the CJC.

Thank you for your consideration in this matter.

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