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MEMORANDUM

Date: September 12, 2025
To: Board of Commissioners
From: Sam Elliott, Sheriff
Subject: Request for Approval to Apply for Behavioral Health Deflection (BHD) Grant

The Oregon Criminal Justice Commission has opened the application period for the Behavioral Health Deflection (BHD) Grant Program. This year's application process follows a two-phase structure. Phase I is due by September 9, and the projected number of clients to be served must be submitted by September 19. These projections will directly influence the potential funding amount awarded to each county. Phase II, which includes the detailed budget proposal, is due by October 15, 2025.

The purpose of the BHD Grant Program is to support the development and expansion of deflection programs that serve individuals with behavioral health conditions—including substance use disorders—who are at increased risk of involvement with the criminal justice system. These programs aim to reduce law enforcement encounters, incarceration, and convictions by connecting individuals to appropriate community-based services.

As defined in HB 3069 (2025), a deflection program is a collaborative initiative between law enforcement agencies and behavioral health or community-based social service organizations. These programs provide pathways to treatment, recovery support, housing, case management, and other essential services for individuals with behavioral health or co-occurring disorders.

We are seeking Board approval to submit a joint grant application totaling \$907,552, as outlined below, to support the BHD programs operated by the Sheriff's Office, District Attorney's Office, and Health and Human Services. The Sheriff's Office will serve as the lead agency and grant coordinator for this collaborative effort.

Approved by the Yamhill County Board of

Commissioners on 09/18/2025

via Board Order 25-300

Proposed BHD Budget Summary		
Category	Details	Amount
Personnel Costs	YCSO (1.0 FTE), DDA (0.75 FTE), DA Support (0.25 FTE), HHS (1.0 FTE)	\$797,727
Phones	Monthly service expenses	\$3,600
Client Support	Meal vouchers, Visa cards, resource packets	\$25,000
DA Software/Dues	Attorney dues and associated software	\$3,225
Training & Travel	Placeholder for 8 attendees at PTAC 2026	\$28,000
Victim Restitution	Restitution in low-level cases to support victim rights and client deflection	\$10,000
Client Housing	Temporary housing to support client stabilization and recovery	\$40,000
	Total	\$907,552

Grant Timeline

- **Application Deadline:** October 15, 2025
- **Notification of Award:** by November 15, 2025
- **Grant Period:** All funds must be expended and reimbursed by June 30, 2027

Action Requested:

Approval to apply for, and if awarded, accept the BHD grant funds as outlined above.

Thank you for your consideration.

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cc: Ken Huffer, County Administrator
 Justin Hogue, Deputy County Administrator
 Mike Barnhart, Finance Director