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MEMORANDUM

Date: November 12, 2025

To: Board of Commissioners

From: Sam Elliott, Sheriff

Subject: Request for Approval to Apply for Behavioral Health Deflection (BHD) Grant – Phase II

On August 28, 2025, Yamhill County submitted Phase I of the Criminal Justice Commission's (CJC) Behavioral Health Deflection (BHD) Grant application and was awarded \$199,997 to support the initial implementation of the 2025–2027 Yamhill County Deflection Program. As outlined in our September 12, 2025, memo to the Board, the original program design focused solely on the Officer Intervention pathway and included a preliminary grant request of \$907,552. That memo also noted that the CJC grant process would follow a two-phase structure, with final funding based on projected deflection numbers across six nationally recognized treatment pathways.

In Phase II, the County was required to estimate the number of individuals who could enter the program through these pathways. This analysis was completed and submitted on September 25, 2025, and led to the expansion of the program to include four additional deflection pathways: Community Response, First Responder Referral, Active Outreach, and Self-Referral.

Following review of this expanded model and staff recommendations, the CJC Committee met on October 21, 2025, and awarded Yamhill County an allocation of up to \$1,838,506 (inclusive of the Phase I award) to support continued development and implementation of the Deflection Program. These enhancements are designed to increase access to treatment and support services while reducing reliance on the criminal justice system.

We are now seeking Board approval to submit a joint grant application totaling \$1,838,506.00, as allocated by the CJC and outlined below, to support BHD-related 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. This application reflects a strong, countywide partnership that includes the County Court Judges, Yamhill Communications (PSAP), Health and Human Services, all local law enforcement agencies, the

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Oregon State Police, and other community stakeholders—working together to strengthen deflection pathways and improve outcomes for individuals in crisis.

Proposed BHD Budget Summary

Expense Category	Details	Total Amount
Personnel Costs	YCSO (1 FTE), DDA (1 FTE), DA Support (0.50 FTE), DA CVA (0.50 FTE), HHS (2.0 FTE) The cost of this position includes salary, fringe benefits, and essential materials and services necessary for the employee to perform their duties. These associated costs include supplies, occupancy, legal support, and payroll processing.	\$ 1,438,032.31
Supplies	CAD to CAD, YCOM Dues, DA Bar Dues and Software, Client Support, Restitution, Printed Materials, etc.	\$ 260,473.69
Training & Travel	Placeholder for 8 attendees at PTAC 2026	\$ 29,000.00
Client Housing	Temporary housing to support client stabilization and recovery	\$ 87,000.00
Administrative Costs	Finance Specialist	\$ 24,000.00
Total		\$1,838,506.00

Grant Timeline

- **Phase II Application Deadline:** November 12, 2025
- **Notification of Award:** by ~~November 24, 2025~~ *Dec 16, 2025*
- **Grant Period:** All funds must be expended and reimbursed by August 31, 2027

Action Requested:

Request for approval to apply for, and, if awarded, accept BHD grant funds from the Criminal Justice Commission (CJC) in support of the Yamhill County Deflection Program, and to authorize expenditure of funds in accordance with the approved grant budget.

Thank you for your consideration.



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cc: Ken Huffer, County Administrator
Mike Barnhart, Finance Director

Approved by the Yamhill County Board of
Commissioners on 12/04/2025
via Board Order 25-382