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To: Mary Starrett, Chair
Yamhill County Board of Commissioners

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

Re: Request for approval to submit application to the Youth Development Division (YDD) for Juvenile Crime Prevention (JCP) Grant Funds to support the Yamhill County Peer Court Diversion Program

Each biennium, the Oregon Youth Development Division offers state grant funding to local county jurisdictions for various proactive and risk responsive work with Oregon youth. The application 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 for first time, primarily low risk referred youth. The Juvenile Probation Division remains committed to serving youth at the lowest level of involvement in the juvenile justice system with the hope to divert such youth from the criminal justice system. In 2021-23, if awarded these grant funds, we plan to serve more youth through our local diversion program than the previous biennium. Upon referral to the Juvenile Probation Division, first time misdemeanor justice involved youth will be referred to Peer Court Diversion. Peer Court is a voluntary diversion from the formal Juvenile Justice System.

JCP grant 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 these risk factors as delineated in the JCP risk assessment tool used by Oregon county juvenile departments:

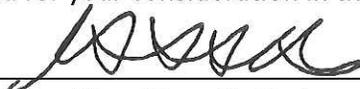
- a. Antisocial behavior (Attitudes, values and belief system that supports criminal conduct)
- b. Negative peer influences
- c. Substance abuse issues
- d. School related failure (academic/non-attendance)

In 2018-19, the Yamhill County Juvenile Probation Division successfully offered Peer Court Diversion to 83 youth. Additionally, in 2020, 52 youth were diverted through Peer Court.

On 03/24/21, the Local Public Safety Coordinating Counsel voted to approve JCP grant application submission.

In conclusion, YCDCJ Juvenile Probation Division is requesting support from the Board of Commissioners to request Juvenile Crime Prevention grant funds in the amount of \$125,435 from the Youth Development Division to continue our Peer Court Diversion Program from 7/1/21 to 6/30/23.

Thank you for your consideration in this matter.



Commissioner Mary Starrett, Chair

4/1/2021

Date

Accepted by Yamhill County
Board of Commissioners on
4/1/2021 by Board Order
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