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To: Yamhill County Board of Commissioners (BOC)

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

Re: Criminal Justice Commission (CJC) Justice Reinvestment Capacity Building Grant

Since the passage of HB 3194 in 2013, Yamhill County has received Justice Reinvestment (JRI) Grant Funds through the Criminal Justice Commission (CJC) to support our local Pretrial Justice and SMART Sentencing Prison Diversion Programs. The original goals of JRI funding were to reduce recidivism, decrease prison use to avoid building another state correctional facility and divert those who could be safely managed in the community, increase public safety, and hold justice involved individuals (JII) accountable. Please note, but said for these grant funds, these successful programs would not currently be sustainable in their current model under YCDCJ.

In 2019, the passage of HB 3064 revised the goals of JRI to include equity which supported the establishment of reliable data systems and support system-level analysis of potential inequity in Oregon's criminal justice system. As a result, a Diversity, Equity and Inclusion (DEI) component was added to the 2021-23 JRI grant application process. During this same biennium, the CJC set aside \$600,000 of JRI Grant Funds to create a Justice Reinvestment Capacity Building Grant to empower counties to understand, build, and apply cultural responsiveness and equity in their existing Justice Reinvestment programs should such gaps be identified or known. Interested counties are eligible to receive up to \$35,000 if applying on their own, which is the intent of YCDCJ. Option A would award "opt-in" funding to assist counties specifically in developing an Equity Action Plan for addressing individual and community needs of identified local underserved communities.

In recognition that historically underserved local communities are often at a disadvantage to navigate and succeed in criminal justice systems, if approved by the BOC to submit this grant application and should we be awarded grant funds, YCDCJ proposes to use \$20,000 to hire a consultant to guide our local criminal justice stakeholder through a system gap analysis as well as provide data analysis to develop an Equity Action Plan as required by the Capacity Building Grant. The remaining \$15,000 would be allocated to provide basic DEI training to local stakeholders and participating staff. Both this consultant and trainer(s) would most likely be selected through a formal RFP process upon grant award. The CJC also recognizes that reallocations may be submitted following grant award, understanding other needs for the grant may emerge as the grant work begins.

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All awarded funds must be spent by 31 December 2023. The grant application is due September 9th at 1pm.

Thank you for your consideration of this request.

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