

Full Committee Pony for Grant Application CJC-1
Criminal Justice Commission – Drug Courts

The Public Safety Subcommittee recommends that the Joint Committee on Ways and Means approve the submission of a federal grant application by the Criminal Justice Commission to the U.S. Department of Justice in the amount of \$1.5 million for adult drug courts.

This recommendation for approval of the grant submission is with the understanding that if the funds are awarded, the Criminal Justice Commission will report back to the Legislature on its plan to meet the 25% match requirement and any specific criteria that will be used to determine the distribution of funds to counties.

Federal Grant Application Request

Criminal Justice Commission

Drug Courts

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Request: Approve the submission of a federal grant application to the U.S. Department of Justice, Office of Justice Programs, Bureau of Justice Assistance in the amount of \$1.5 million for adult drug courts.

Recommendation: Approve the request, with instructions.

Analysis: During the 2011-13 biennium, the Criminal Justice Commission (CJC) will distribute \$13.2 million to support drug courts representing 24 Oregon counties. Funding support includes federal grants through the Bureau of Justice and the American Recovery and Reinvestment Act of 2009 (ARRA), and state General Fund resources. All ARRA funding will expire in September 2013.

The Bureau of Justice Assistance is offering an additional competitive grant of up to \$1.5 million to improve, enhance, or expand drug court services statewide. If awarded, CJC anticipates accepting competitive proposals from existing or new drug courts with the likely focus on adult courts. Although, federally eligible courts include adult, driving while intoxicated/driving under the influence, co-occurring substance abuse, mental health, veteran's treatment, and tribal healing to wellness courts.

The grant requires a 25% state match, and the application is due February 21, 2013. Possible sources of match funding include asset forfeiture or General Fund. CJC's 2013-15 biennial budget request included an increase of \$8.9 million General Fund to backfill the expiration of ARRA funding.

The Legislative Fiscal Office recommends approval of the request with the understanding that, if the grant is awarded, CJC will report back to the Legislature on its plan to meet the match requirement and any specific criteria that will be used to determine the distribution of funds to counties.