

Criminal Justice Commission

	2011-13 Actuals	2013-15 Leg. Approved*	2015-17 CSL LFO	2015-17 Governor's
General Fund	4,760,995	23,851,046	25,047,019	73,510,819
Other Funds	71,880	691,680	494,068	494,109
Federal Funds	16,386,362	8,270,318	6,830,202	1,580,917
Total Funds	21,219,237	32,813,044	32,371,289	75,585,845
Positions	10	9	9	11
FTE	9.00	8.38	8.50	11.00

* includes Emergency Board and administrative actions through December 2014

Program Description

The Oregon Criminal Justice Commission is a nine-member body created by the 1995 Legislature to serve as a centralized and impartial forum for statewide public safety policy development, planning, and agency coordination. In 2009, the CJC became the State Administering Agency (SAA) for Oregon's Edward Byrne Memorial Justice Assistance Grants. In 2013, the CJC became the administrator of Oregon's Justice Reinvestment Grant program. The agency is also responsible for

- administering sentencing guidelines,
- analyzing crime and sentencing data,
- estimating the impact of legislation and initiatives on the criminal justice system,
- administering the state's drug court and Justice Reinvestment Initiative (JRI) grant programs, and
- staffing the Asset Forfeiture Oversight Committee.

CSL Summary and Issues

- Current Service Level for this agency is a 5% General Fund increase, and 1.3% Total Funds reduction, compared to the 2013-15 Legislatively Approved Budget.

- There is a \$587,000 General Fund package 050, reflecting backfill of expended stimulus funds for specialty court programs.
- Remaining CSL packages are standard inflation and adjustment for State Government Service charges.
- Package 070 Revenue Shortfall reduces federal revenues and expenditure limitation by \$5.2 million to reflect a one-time drawdown of accumulated federal grant funds to support grant spending in 2013-15. The reduction is countered with a policy package requesting General Fund backfill.

Policy Issues

The Governor's budget includes \$58.5 million General Fund for Justice Reinvestment Initiative grants. This is the calculated cost avoided due to reduced incarceration resulting from the sentencing reform made in HB 3194 (2013). Of the total, \$5 million is a fund shift from Byrne/JAG Federal Funds that the agency used in 2013 and \$10 million is in the base budget. The agency expectation is that 991 fewer beds will be needed by the end of 2015-17 than would have been needed if HB 3194 sentencing changes had not been implemented.

Other Significant Issues and Background

HB 5008 (2013) included a Budget Note directing the Commission to administer the Justice Reinvestment Program and Specialty Courts Grant Program in an efficient and effective manner, and to report back on the results of the work during the February 2014 legislative session. The agency provided the required report February 17, 2014.

There were no significant Emergency Board appearances and no comprehensive audits performed during 2013-15.

Co-Chairs' Budget Framework Discussion

The Co-Chairs included \$20 million General Fund for Justice Reinvestment grants, including the \$10 million in the CJC base budget.