

**Judicial Department  
Justice for Families**

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On February 17th, the Public Safety Subcommittee voted to recommend retroactive approval of the submission of a federal grant application by the Oregon Judicial Department to the U.S. Department of Justice, for a Justice for Families grant in the amount up to \$700,000.

The grant would be used to improve responses in judicial proceedings that involve families with a history of domestic or dating violence, sexual assault, stalking, or child abuse. Grant moneys would be used to support two agency positions, to fund training, and to fund grants to counties to address identified needs. Grants would be distributed to support circuit courts in Clatsop, Jackson, Lincoln, Multnomah and Umatilla counties, and to support the Klamath Tribes.

There are no matching funds or maintenance-of-effort requirements associated with the Justice for Families grant. The grant application was due when the Legislature was not in session to consider a request for authorization to apply. OJD provided the required ten-day notice to the Co-Chairs of the Interim Joint Committee on Ways and Means, prior to submitting the grant application.

The Public Safety Subcommittee recommends approval of the request.