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The Honorable Senator Richard Devlin, Co-Chair
The Honorable Representative Nancy Nathanson, Co-Chair
Joint Committee on Ways and Means
900 Court Street NE H- 178
State Capitol Salem, OR
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Dear Co-chairpersons:

Nature of the Request:

The Oregon Department of Corrections (DOC) is providing notice of its' intent to apply for a federal grant from the U.S. Department of Justice. The application is described below.

Smart Supervision: Reducing Prison Populations, Saving Money, and Creating Safer Communities

FY 2017 Competitive Grant Announcement

Announcement Date: January 3, 2017
Application Due Date: March 7, 2017
Grants.gov number: BJA-2017-11545

Overview:

The U.S. Department of Justice, Office of Justice Programs' Bureau of Justice Assistance has announced the availability of grants to improve probation success, which in turn improve public safety, reduce returns to prisons and jails, and save taxpayer dollars.

Details:

The Department is developing a proposal to improve probation through the use of supervision strategies that will reduce recidivism. We will do this through offering advanced level skills training for community corrections supervisors and managers on how to incorporate evidence based practices and maintain sustainability in managing parole and probation officers.

Eligibility:

Applicants are limited to state and local governments and federally recognized Indian tribes.

Goals, Objectives, and Deliverables:

The goal of this program is to develop more effective and evidence-based probation programs which effectively address offenders' needs and reduce recidivism. The objectives of Smart Probation demonstration projects are the following:

Improve supervision strategies that will reduce recidivism and provide training, technical assistance (TTA), and policy support.

Promote and increase collaboration among agencies and officials who work in probation, pretrial, law enforcement, and related community corrections fields.

Develop and implement strategies for the identification, supervision, and treatment of "high risk/high needs" probationers that may serve as a model for other agencies throughout the nation.

Objectively assess and/or evaluate the impact of innovative and evidenced-based supervision and treatment strategies.

Demonstrate the use and efficacy of evidence-based practices and principles to improve the delivery of probation supervision strategies and practices.

Awards:

Grants may be up to \$750,000 for a 36-month period, with the potential for no-cost extensions.

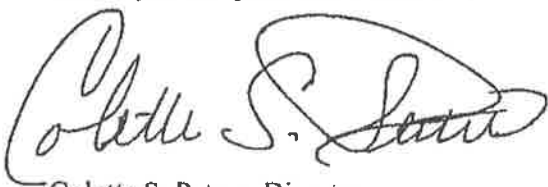
Match Requirements:

There is no required match for this grant.

Action Required:

The Department will provide status updates on the grant application to the Legislative Fiscal Office and Budget and Management. If approved, the Department will return to the Emergency Board for formal approval and necessary Federal Fund expenditure limitation to expend the federal Funds.

Thank you for your consideration.



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