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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
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Dear Co-Chairpersons:

Nature of the Request:

The Oregon Criminal Justice Commission (CJC) is seeking approval for a federal grant from the U.S. Department of Justice (DOJ), Office of Justice Programs (OJP), and Bureau of Justice Assistance (BJA).

Agency Action:

The U.S. DOJ has issued a competitive grant solicitation announcement from the BJA for Adult Discretionary Drug Courts. This funding seeks to support states to further the goals of a state's formal treatment court enhancement and administrative efforts. The CJC intends to use these federal funds to financially support 4 local Oregon treatment courts discretionary spending and a percentage of the hosting support required for the new Oregon Treatment Court Case Management System (OTCMS) replacement. Oregon operates approximately 70 treatment courts (specialty courts.) House Bill (HB) 3194 charged CJC to "serve as a clearinghouse and information center for the collection, preparation, analysis and dissemination of the best practices applicable to specialty courts". Through the framework of a statewide case management system, the CJC will be able to ensure that Specialty Courts are meeting the standards by providing a court where: (1) clients are linked to relevant and effective services; (2) all service efforts are monitored, connected, and in synchrony; and (3) pertinent information is gathered during assessment and monitoring is provided to the entire drug court team in real time. There is a 25% match requirement that will be met by the current competitive grant program administered by the CJC.

The solicitation caps the request for funding at \$1.5 million. The application must be submitted by February 28th. The grant does not specify a date by which the grants will be announced, but the project period will be 36 months in length.

Action Required:

The Criminal Justice Commission is seeking approval for a grant of up to \$1.5 million from the U.S. DOJ, OJP, and BJA to support the Oregon's treatment court program administered through the CJC.

Legislation Affected:

This grant opportunity was not anticipated in the Commission's 2017-19 Agency Request Budget. If the grant application is successful, the CJC requests additional federal funds expenditure limitation.

Thank you for your consideration of this request.

Sincerely,

Michael Schmidt
Executive Director

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