

ANALYSIS

Item 25: Criminal Justice Commission Federal Grant Awards Limitation

Analyst: John Terpening

Request: Increase Federal Funds expenditure limitation for the Criminal Justice Commission by \$909,346 for the expenditure of federal grant funds awarded for Prison Rape Elimination Act (PREA) Standards and Justice Counts Implementation and establish a limited duration Program Analyst 3 position.

Analysis: The Criminal Justice Commission (CJC) is requesting an increase in Federal Fund expenditure limitation in the amount of \$909,346 to accommodate the successful awarding of two federal grants from the U.S. Department of Justice, Office of Justice Programs, Bureau of Justice Assistance (BJA).

The first grant award totals \$246,577 to fund projects designed to prevent, detect, and respond to sexual abuse and sexual harassment in confinement facilities to achieve and maintain compliance with PREA standards. The funds received will be passed through to the Department of Corrections (DOC), which will utilize the grant funds to pay for additional training for PREA Compliance Managers and Sexual Abuse Response Team Members within DOC facilities. The in-kind matching funds required for this grant are provided by DOC staff members assisting with the training. CJC received permission to apply for this grant from the Emergency Board in June.

The second grant award received totals \$662,769 for implementation of the Justice Counts program. This program has developed metrics designed to collect, analyze, and share criminal justice system data across various agencies and local governments in order to inform state budgetary and policy decisions with the goals of reduction of crime and recidivism and a fairer criminal justice system. The metric data would be compiled on a state-specific dashboard which would then feed into a national dashboard. CJC will utilize the funds received to hire a limited duration full-time Program Analyst 3 position (0.25 FTE) to develop and administer the Justice Counts program and dashboard. There is no matching funds requirement with this grant, which has a performance period of three years. CJC received permission to apply for this grant from the Emergency Board in September.

Recommendation: The Legislative Fiscal Office recommends that the Emergency Board increase the Federal Funds expenditure limitation for the Criminal Justice Commission by \$909,346 for the expenditure of federal grant awards for Prison Rape Elimination Act Standards and Justice Counts Implementation; and authorize the establishment of one limited duration full-time Program Analyst 3 position (0.25 FTE) to administer the Justice Counts program.

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Request: Increase Federal Funds expenditure limitation by \$909,346 for two grants received by the agency: \$662,769 for the Justice Counts Implementation Program and \$246,577 for the Implementation of the Prison Rape Elimination Act (PREA) Standards, Protecting People Who are Incarcerated, and Safeguarding Communities grant. CJC also requests the establishment of one limited duration, full-time position (0.25 FTE) to administer the grants.

Recommendation: Approve the request.

Discussion: The goal of the Justice Counts Implementation Program is to support states to adopt a core set of criminal justice metrics so policymakers have access to actionable data to make policy and budgetary decisions. CJC will use these funds to standardize their existing data to conform with nationwide standards and to engage public safety stakeholders across Oregon to develop plans and collaborate data collection. To achieve these goals CJC will establish one limited duration Program Analyst 3 position.

The second grant supports implementation of PREA standards and will be used to support training and development of staff on Sexual Abuse Response Teams and PREA compliance managers in the Department of Corrections (DOC). CJC will keep ten percent of the funds for administrative costs and the remainder will be passed through to DOC.

CJC received retroactive approval to apply for these grants at the September meeting of the Emergency Board. These grants were received by the agency in mid-September. No state matching funds are required.

Legal Reference: Increase Federal Funds expenditure limitation established by chapter 379, section 4, Oregon Laws 2021, for the Criminal Justice Commission, by \$909,346 for the 2021-23 biennium.



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October 24, 2022

The Honorable Senator Peter Courtney, President of the Senate
The Honorable Representative Dan Rayfield, Speaker of the House
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Re: Federal Fund Limitation Increase

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Dear Senator Courtney and Representative Rayfield:

Nature of the Request:

The Criminal Justice Commission (CJC) respectfully requests an increase in Federal Fund expenditure limitation of \$909,346. This is the total of the U.S. Department of Justice (USDJ) recent grant awards for the FY 2022 Implementing the PREA Standards, Protecting People Who Are Incarcerated, and Safeguarding Communities award of \$246,577, and the FY 2022 Justice Counts Implementation Program grant award of \$662,769.

Agency Action:

On September 28th, 2022, CJC received an award of \$662,769 for the Justice Counts Implementation Program. The primary goal of these funds is to support states to adopt a core set of criminal justice metrics – to collect, analyze, and share data in a timely and consistent manner – so that policymakers have access to actionable data to make policy and budgetary decisions. As outlined in the invitation to apply, the goals of the Justice Counts Project are:

- To translate and standardize existing data with which the CJC has access to conform with the nationwide standards set forth by the Justice Counts National Board.
- To engage public safety stakeholders across our Oregon and collaborate on strategies to organize and implement consistent, reliable access to existing available data and develop plans to collect data based on the standards from the Justice Counts National Board.

CJC will accomplish the goals of this program by using the \$662,769 award to expand internal staff capacity with a new limited duration Program Analyst 3 (PA3) position at 1.0 FTE.

On September 16th, 2022, CJC received an award of \$246,577 for the FY 2022 Implementation of the Prison Rape Elimination Act (PREA) standards, Protecting People Who Are Incarcerated, and Safeguarding communities grant to support training and development of key positions within the Sexual Abuse Response Teams (SART) and PREA Compliance Managers. Ninety percent of this award will be passed through CJC to the Oregon Department of Corrections. Ten percent will be retained for CJC administrative costs.

Action Requested:

The commission requests the Emergency Board increase the commission's Federal Fund limitation by \$909,346 to fund the FY 2022 Implementing PREA Standards and the FY 2022 Justice Counts Implementation Program.

Legislation Affected:

None

Thank you for your consideration,

A handwritten signature in black ink, reading "Kenneth Sanchagrin" with a stylized flourish at the end.

Ken Sanchagrin,

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Oregon Criminal Justice Commission