Restorative Justice Grant Program

Update



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Restorative Justice Grant Program BACKGROUND AND OVERVIEW

- The Restorative Justice Grant Program (RJGP) was established via HB 2204 in 2021 and initially funded with \$4M via HB 5006.
- The RJGP was recommended for funding in the Governor's Recommended Budget but did not receive additional funds from the Legislature in 2023.
- What is Restorative Justice? For the RJGP, our grantees:
 - Address criminal harm by centering the impacts to the people and communities involved.
 - Utilize processes that involve talking through the various issues associated with a case and prioritizing true healing for the harmed party and true accountability for the person who causes harm.
 - In each case, an accountability plan in developed and when the person who caused the harm has engaged actively in the process and follows through with the accountability plan, their case is resolved without a criminal conviction.

Restorative Justice Grant Program PROGRAM IMPLEMENTATION TIMELINE

Award disbursements Draft OARs Award **Request for Grant** presented to decisions made made to grantees after Proposals released CJC; public by CJC for 7 once OARs were grant agreements negotiated and signed comment effective grantees 2021 2022 03 **Q**4 **O**1 **O**2 **O**3 **O**4 Grant proposals Public listening OARs adopted Award reviewed: sessions and by the CJC and decisions made recs made **Rules Advisory** filed with SOS by CJC for 2 to CJC Committee additional discussions grantees Grant proposals due to CJC (45 day window)

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Grantees and Award Amounts

Grantee	Award
Center for Dialogue and Resolution (Lane)	\$449,627.42
Conflict Artistry LLC (Lane and Lincoln)	\$250,521.26
Cow Creek Peacemaking Court Program	\$60,000.00
Deschutes County DA Office	\$1,147,721.65
Insight Alliance - Multnomah County Restorative Justice Alternative Program	\$1,133,735.03
Lutheran Community Services Northwest (PPB and Multnomah County)	\$557,821.37
Resolve Center for Dispute Resolution and Restorative Justice (Southern Oregon)	\$123,993.00
Six Rivers Dispute Resolution Center (Wasco, with plans to expand to Hood River, Sherman, Wheeler, and Gilliam)	\$276,579.87

- The RJGP remains in the early stages of development, as many grantees have been funded for approximately one year.
 - Some existing programs have been able to scale up more quickly, while new programs have focused on program development, hiring, etc.
 - The uncertainty surrounding continued funding has been a barrier for program development and hiring.
- Between 10/1/2022 and 6/30/2023, there were 75 unique client cases reported to CJC.