

ANALYSIS

Item 18: Department of Justice Grant Carryover

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Request: Increase Other Funds expenditure limitation for the Department of Justice by \$1,298,618 to allow for carryover funds from the 2023-25 biennium to be utilized for victim's programs.

Analysis: The Oregon Department of Justice (DOJ) oversees multiple programs to assist victims of crime which are funded from a variety of revenue sources. In the 2023-25 biennium, DOJ received \$15 million in American Rescue Plan Act (ARPA) funding as a transfer from the Department of Administrative Services to support these programs.

At the close of the 2023-25 biennium, \$107,093 of these ARPA funds remained unspent. With the federal requirement that ARPA funds be spent by the end of calendar year 2026, DOJ requires Other Funds expenditure limitation to allow for the final use of these funds in 2025-27. Of the total, \$69,791 will be used for survivor housing and \$37,302 for community-based violence prevention.

In addition, \$1,191,525 in funding from two other grant programs remained unspent from 2023-25. DOJ is requesting \$753,011 Other Funds limitation for domestic violence and sexual assault services, and \$438,514 Other Funds limitation for children's advocacy centers in Oregon.

Recommendation: The Legislative Fiscal Office recommends that the Joint Interim Committee on Ways and Means recommend including an increase of \$1,298,618 in Other Funds expenditure limitation for the Department of Justice in a budget reconciliation bill during the 2026 legislative session to allow for carryover funds from the 2023-25 biennium to be utilized for victim's programs.

Request: Establish an Other Funds expenditure limitation of \$69,791 for American Rescue Plan Act Survivor Housing Services and Support in the 2025-27 biennium. Establish an Other Funds expenditure limitation of \$37,302 for American Rescue Plan Act Community-Based Violence Prevention for the 2025-27 biennium. Increase Other Funds expenditure limitation by \$1,191,525 for the Crime Victims and Survivor Services Division (CVSSD) to carry forward 2023-25 grant funds for the Oregon Domestic and Sexual Services and Child Advocacy Center programs.

Recommendation: Approve the request during the 2026 Legislative Session.

Discussion: The Department of Justice (DOJ) has funds remaining from the 2023-25 biennium for several grant programs in CVSSD that need to be carried forward to 2025-27 to allow for the completion of grant activities, including:

- \$69,791 for the Survivor Housing grant program originally funded with American Rescue Plan Act (ARPA) provided in Senate Bill 5701 (2024).
- \$37,302 for the Community Based Violence Prevention Assistance Grant Program funded with ARPA in Senate Bill 5514 (2023).
- \$753,011 for the Oregon Domestic and Sexual Violence Services Fund originally funded by General Fund in Senate Bill 5506 (2023) and Senate Bill 5701 (2024).
- \$438,514 for the Children Advocacy Center Grant program originally funded with General Fund in Senate Bill 1579 (2024).

DOJ used other CVSSD funds to support expenditures from these programs in the current biennium. House Bill 5014 (2025) provided \$17.0 million in ongoing funding to support grants funded through both the Oregon Domestic and Sexual Violence Services Fund and the Children Advocacy Center Grant program for 2025-27 and beyond.

Legal Reference: Increase the Other Funds expenditure limitation established by chapter 523, section 2(6), Oregon Laws 2025, for the Department of Justice, Crime Victims and Survivor Services Division, by \$1,191,525 for the 2025-27 biennium.

Establishment of an expenditure limitation of \$69,791 for the Department of Justice for the payment of expenses from fees, moneys, or other revenues including Miscellaneous Receipts, excluding lottery and federal funds, collected or received for the biennium beginning July 1, 2025, for American Rescue Plan Act survivor housing services and support.

Establishment of an Other Funds expenditure limitation of \$37,302 for the Department of Justice for the payment of expenses from fees, moneys, or other revenues including Miscellaneous Receipts, excluding lottery and federal funds, collected or received for the biennium beginning July 1, 2025, for American Rescue Plan Act community-based violence prevention services.



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The Honorable Senator Kate Lieber, Co-Chair
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Interim Joint Committee on Ways and Means
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Dear Senator Lieber and Representative Sanchez:

Nature of the Request

The Oregon Department of Justice (DOJ) has funds from the 2023-25 biennium associated with various grants, including the Oregon Domestic and Sexual Violence Services (ODVS), Child Advocacy Centers (CAC), and American Rescue Plan Act (ARPA). Residual balances from these appropriations require re-appropriation of \$1,298,618 Other Funds limitation in the 2025-27 biennium to ensure completion of grant activities.

Agency Action

In the interim, DOJ has utilized other revenue and limitation to allow critical expenses to be paid while holding back final reconciliations for the remaining grant awards until additional limitation is available. This approach has allowed DOJ to maintain program continuity while awaiting legislative re-appropriation authority for the additional carryforward revenue and limitation.

Action Requested

DOJ respectfully requests adding \$1,298,618 Other Funds limitation in the 2025-27 biennium for appropriation carry forwards to ensure completion of grant activities.

- Establish Other Funds expenditure limitation of \$69,791 for American Rescue Plan Act Survivor Housing Services and Support in the 2025-27 biennium.
- Establish Other Funds expenditure limitation of \$37,302 for American Rescue Plan Act Community Based Violence Prevention in the 2025-27 biennium.

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- Increase Other Funds expenditure limitation of \$753,011 for Oregon Domestic Violence and Sexual Assault Services in the 2025-27 biennium.
- Increase Other Funds expenditure limitation of \$438,514 for Child Advocacy Center Grants and administration funding in the 2025-27 biennium.

Legislation Affected

Establishes expenditure limitation for each of the two ARPA items listed above.

Increase the Other Funds expenditure limitation established by chapter 523, section 2(6), Oregon Laws 2025, for the Department of Justice, Crime Victim and Survivor Services Division, by \$1,191,525 for the 2025-27 biennium.

Sincerely,



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