



# MULTNOMAH COUNTY AGENDA PLACEMENT REQUEST NOTICE OF INTENT

(Revised: 9/23/13)

### Board Clerk Use Only

Meeting Date: 11/13/14  
 Agenda Item #: C.2  
 Est. Start Time: 9:30 am  
 Date Submitted: 10/29/14

**Agenda NOTICE OF INTENT for** Department of Community Justice, Juvenile  
**Title:** Services approval to apply for a grant to Center for Children’s Law and Policy

*Note: This APR is for NOI’s only. APRs are available for other types of submittals. Title should not be more than 2 lines but be sufficient to describe the action requested.*

**Requested Meeting Date:** November 13, 2014 **Time Needed:** N/A  
**Department:** Community Justice **Division:** Juvenile Services Division  
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**Presenter Name(s) & Title(s):** Consent Calendar

### General Information

**1. What action are you requesting from the Board?**

Approval of NOI to allow Multnomah County Department of Community Justice, Juvenile Services Division (DCJ JSD) to apply to Center for Children’s Law and Policy (CCLP) for a \$25,000 grant of to support our efforts to develop, research and engage in sustainable and effective racial and ethnic disparities reduction strategies in juvenile justice. A successful award would fund a partnership between DCJ JSD and Portland State University (PSU) to develop and execute a rigorous evaluation plan for a diversion program JSD is planning to pilot to reduce the number of law enforcement referrals to DCJ JSD. With funding, DCJ JSD will be able engage PSU as a lead, third-party evaluator for tracking and reporting pilot progress and outcomes. The announcement was released on September 23, 2014 with a submission deadline of November 3, 2014.

**2. Please provide sufficient background information for the Board and the public to understand this issue. Please note which Program Offer this action affects and how it impacts the results.**

The current response to youth encountering the juvenile justice system unfairly and disproportionately affects youth of color. Disproportionality in the juvenile justice system is connected to overrepresentation and disparate treatment in other child serving systems, such as child welfare and education. In addition to the impacts of crime on victims, disparities in juvenile justice contribute to an intergenerational cycle of trauma and justice system involvement, and poor outcomes for youth, families and communities.

DCJ's Research and Evaluation Team gathered Multnomah County data from the statewide Juvenile Justice System (JJIS) and calculated the Relative Rate Index (RRI) at a number of juvenile justice system decision points. RRI: is a measurement that compares the rates of activity for minority youth with majority youth at selected key decision points. This information provides a starting baseline for future monitoring and provides initial guidance for the assessment phase.

In Multnomah County, youth of color are arrested, charged, and incarcerated more than their white counterparts, even for the same behaviors. For example, in 2013, of 3,288 referrals to Multnomah County JSD, 1,812 or 55% were for youth of color (African American, Hispanic, Native American and Asian). Involvement in the juvenile justice system leads to education disruptions, reduced employment rates, and an increased likelihood of continued juvenile justice involvement.

**3. Explain the fiscal impact (current year and ongoing).**

DCJ/JSD is submitting a grant application for the full \$25,000 grant to be spent between January 1, 2015 and December 31, 2015. According to the grant application, the initial project period will be one year, with the possibility of a second year of funding and technical support. We anticipate that the grant will be awarded by December 31, 2014.

**4. Explain any legal and/or policy issues involved.**

N/A

**5. Explain any citizen and/or other government participation that has or will take place.**

DCJ JSD is working with a number of partners on this pilot effort, including police departments in Portland and Gresham, District Attorney's Office, East County school districts, Circuit Court and community-based providers on contract with the county. We are working directly with Gresham Police Department on the details of pilot in the Rockwood neighborhood for youth of who would have been referred to JSD for first-time misdemeanors or non-criminal offenses. We are working with Gresham PD and PSU to determine how to track youth participation in this program and outcomes.

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## Grant Application/Notice of Intent

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If the request is a **Grant Application** or **Notice of Intent**, please answer **all** of the following in detail:

- **Who is the granting agency?** Center for Children’s Law and Policy (CCLP)
- **Specify grant (matching, reporting and other) requirements and goals.**  
There is not a matching requirement.

Grant goals include:

- Develop and implement strategic approaches that lead to measurable reductions in racial and ethnic disparities (RED)
- Adopt a data strategies (described below), along with at least one of the other following strategies:
  - Data Strategies - Enhanced data collection, analysis, and reporting to help drive RED policy and practice reforms
  - Policy and Practice Strategies - Structured tools and protocols to facilitate objective decision-making (e.g., school discipline protocols, police booking criteria, development of detention risk assessment instruments, risk and needs assessments for adjudicated youth, or graduated response protocols for youth under supervision);
  - System Responsiveness Strategies - Improved cultural competence and responsiveness of juvenile justice services (e.g., translation of court documents into a language spoken by a significant number of youth and families in the juvenile justice system, or cultural competence and language capability improvements for key stakeholder agencies)
  - Program Strategies - Increased capacity and improved access to programs and services that prevent deeper involvement or enhance diversionary pathways out of the juvenile justice system (e.g., early intervention/diversion programs, evening reporting centers or other alternatives to secure detention, post-adjudication placement alternatives, re-entry and aftercare services).

Additional requirements include:

- Identify one key stakeholder to act as site coordinator;
- Develop and work toward specific goals with measurable outcomes

Reporting requirements include:

- Prepare an article on its efforts for publication in the DMC Action Network e-Newsletter
- Submit semi-annual reports on strategy implementation and system reforms.

- **Explain grant funding detail – is this a one time only or long term commitment?**

Two grants will be awarded. Each jurisdiction will receive up to \$25,000 to supplement resources dedicated to the jurisdiction’s racial and ethnic disparities reduction work. The initial project period will be one year, with the possibility of a second year of funding and technical support.

This solicitation is open to local jurisdictions. Eligible applicants include local governments, courts, probation agencies, police departments, prosecutor’s offices and public defender’s offices, and some state agencies.

- **What are the estimated filing timelines?**

The grant proposal deadline is Monday, November 3, 2014 at 2 pm.

- **If a grant, what period does the grant cover?**

One year from grant award. It is anticipated that the grant will be awarded by December 31, 2014.

- **When the grant expires, what are funding plans?**

We anticipate that we will have determined a process to track data and report outcomes with our police department partners that will not require additional external resource. There also may be funding for a second year if we have not worked out all the details in the first year.

- **Is 100% of the central and departmental indirect recovered? If not, please explain why.**

No. The grantor does not allow indirect costs for this grant.

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## Required Signatures

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**Elected Official  
or Department/  
Agency Director:**

Scott Taylor /s/

10/29/14

**Date:**

**Budget Analyst:**

Mike Jaspin

**Date:** 10/29/14

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