



# MULTNOMAH COUNTY AGENDA PLACEMENT REQUEST NOTICE OF INTENT

(Revised: 8/18/11)

## Board Clerk Use Only

Meeting Date: 4/25/13  
Agenda Item #: R. 6  
Est. Start Time: 10:15 am  
Date Submitted: 4/10/13

**NOTICE OF INTENT** to apply for up to \$200,00 for the Promoting Evidence  
**Agenda** Integration in Sex Offender Management: Circles of Support and  
**Title:** Accountability for Project Sites (COSA) Grant

*Note: If Ordinance, Resolution, Order or Proclamation, provide exact title. For all other submissions, provide a clearly written title sufficient to describe the action requested.*

**Requested Meeting Date:** April 25, 2013 **Time Needed:** 15 minutes  
**Department:** Community Justice **Division:** Adult Services  
**Contact(s):** Karen Rhein  
**Phone:** 988-5819 **Ext.** 85819 **I/O Address:** B 503/250/DCJ  
**Presenter Name(s) & Title(s):** Liv Jenssen, Community Justice Manager;

## General Information

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

The Department of Community Justice (DCJ) requests approval to apply for up to \$200,000 grant from the US Department of Justice, Office of Justice Programs, Office of Sex Offender Sentencing, Monitoring, Apprehending, Registering and Tracking (SMART): Promoting Evidence Integration in Sex Offender Management: Circles of Support and Accountability.

### 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 Circles of Support and Accountability (COSA) model is a supervision strategy involving the use of community volunteers to provide support to an individual sex offender. COSA assists offenders with garnering community resources, while holding them accountable to their self monitoring plan, typically following completion of legal supervision. The grant seeks applications from jurisdictions interested in implementing COSA in an effort to advance this model of reintegrating sex offenders to communities and encourage community engagement in the reentry process.

The purpose of this project is to support the development of COSA initiatives in

conjunctions with community corrections programs. That is, programs working in tandem with corrections professionals consisting of volunteers, a Core Member (sex offender), and an Outer Circle (community corrections professionals). Additionally, there is a need to provide descriptive information on those sites and/or jurisdictions providing services to sex offenders based on the COSA model. This information will improve the field's understanding of the programmatic service, and policy needs of sex offenders when released into the community.

When released from prison in Oregon these high risk sex offenders become the responsibility of Community Corrections offices in the county of release where they are supervised by a special team of experienced and skilled professionals. Most sex offenders released from the Oregon Correction System have little or no support in the community. This is due to the fact that most sexual offenders prey on those closest to them and experience long periods of incarceration. Because of the multiple re-entry problems encountered by the sex offender population and the danger presented by high risk sex offenders in the community, this project will target high risk sex offenders releasing to the Portland metro areas. The project will provide COSA Circles for a select number of these offenders in order to bring additional supervisory resources to Community Corrections and lower both sexual and non-sexual recidivism among this population.

The proposed COSA project will build on the volunteer pool, resources and re-entry success of the Oregon Department of Corrections (ODOC) faith based re-entry initiative called Home for Good in Oregon (HGO). The project will be directed by a steering committee composed of Community Corrections Sex Offender Unit managers, representatives from the ODOC release counselors. Through the support of community-based partners in this project, the offender's access to these services will enhance the accessibility of wrap-around services needed by program participants. Throughout this project the parole officer/case manager and COSA Circle volunteers will rely on the community-base service providers to address and improve alcohol/drug treatment, mental health and employment services.

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

DCJ is requesting \$200,000 to be spent from April 1, 2013 through March 30, 2015. This includes \$20,195 of Central and Departmental indirect expenses. The grant allows for 100% of our total indirect charges and there is no match required.

This grant enhances and expands the existing Sex Offender Supervision and Treatment program offer #50044 and Transition Reentry Services program offer #50039.

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

The grantee (DCJ) shall meet all grant requirements and must comply with the provisions and requirements and all other federal, state, local laws and regulation upon acceptance of the award.

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

This grant allows DCJ to continue coordination and collaboration of services to sex offenders in Multnomah County and is supported by the Local Public Safety Coordinating Council. It would also allow DCJ to work in partnership with the Oregon Department of Corrections, Home for Good and community based partners such as Volunteers of America, DePaul, CODA and Morrison Child & Family Services..

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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?**  
US Department of Justice, Office of Justice Programs, Office of Sex Offender Sentencing, Monitoring, Apprehending, Registering and Tracking (SMART)
- **Specify grant (matching, reporting and other) requirements and goals.**  
There is no match required.
- **Explain grant funding detail – is this a one-time only or long term commitment?**  
\$200,000 for a 24-month project period one time only funding.
- **What are the estimated filing timelines?**  
The grant application is due on April 30, 2013
- **If a grant, what period does the grant cover?**  
April 1, 2013 through March 30, 2015
- **When the grant expires, what are funding plans?**  
DCJ will continue to seek funding of future government grants and private foundations.
- **Is 100% of the central and departmental indirect recovered? If not, please explain why.**  
Yes

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### Required Signatures

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Elected Official  
or Department/  
Agency Director: Scott Taylor /s/ Date: 4/10/13  
(signature)

Name/Title:

Budget Analyst: Shaun Coldwell Date: 4/10/13  
(signature)

Name/Title: