



## JUSTICE REINVESTMENT GRANT PROGRAM

The Justice Reinvestment Grant Program was established by House Bill (HB) 3194 (2013). HB 3194 §52-54 sets out how the funds will be disbursed and utilized this biennium and in future biennia. The funds and language of the measure allow the Oregon Criminal Justice Commission (CJC), in consultation with the Justice Reinvestment Grant Review Committee, to award grants to counties that establish a process to assess offenders and provide a continuum of community-based sanctions, services and programs designed to help offenders who are at risk of going to prison avoid that outcome through demonstrated success in the community. The goals of HB 3194 are to:

- Reduce recidivism;
- Decrease the county's utilization of imprisonment in a Department of Corrections institution;
- Protect the public; and
- Hold offenders accountable.

Ten million dollars has been appropriated to assist counties in meeting these goals, with an additional five million dollars available upon Legislative approval during the February 2014 session contingent upon a higher revenue forecast. In addition, the CJC is pleased to target the 2012 & 2013 Byrne Justice Assistance Grants to the Justice Reinvestment Grant Program and Drug Courts providing an additional five million in funding.

The distribution to each county will be determined in accordance with the formula used to distribute baseline funding under ORS 423.483. Each county entering into a participation agreement will receive at least \$50,000, even if the baseline formula would provide less than that amount. The CJC plans to make funds available to participating counties in September and October of 2013.

Please use the participation agreement on page 2 as your **letter of intent to participate** in the Justice Reinvestment Grant Program, as required in HB 3194 §53 (5). County Commissioners who wish to access these funds should fill out the form, sign it, and return it to the Oregon Criminal Justice Commission electronically or by mail.

The CJC is committed to supporting you as you rebuild and improve your public safety system in this time of economic scarcity and rebalance. The attached county fact sheet includes important data regarding your county's recent prison use, recidivism rates and crime rates. We hope this information can be helpful in planning for use of Justice Reinvestment Grant Program funds. Counties are encouraged to collaborate with CJC staff as well as local and state partners to thoroughly assess local resources and programs to implement sanctions, services and programs with these funds that will result in meeting the outcomes mentioned in the legislative measure and by Governor Kitzhaber. CJC staff are available to help you target these funds and assure they are used effectively. The fact sheet includes CJC staff contact information.

During the first biennium the CJC will release the funds contemplated by HB 3194; we will work closely with the Governor's appointees on the grant committee to build the rules for implementation going forward (District Attorneys, Chiefs, Sheriffs, Community Corrections and County Commissioners); and CJC will be able to provide technical assistance to counties to ensure that these funds are used successfully to meet the goals of this legislation. We believe the success or failure of this reinvestment program depends on our collaboration. We look forward to that journey with you, and again thank you for this partnership. We applaud all the effort you have made to pass HB 3194, and we are committed to the long term success of this measure.

## 2013-2015 Participation Agreement

County's initial funding award is \$ 3.1million for the 2013-2015 biennium.

**Justice Reinvestment Grant Program funds must be spent on community-based sanctions, services and programs.**

Please indicate how your county intends to use these funds:



**Community-based sanctions (Please describe below or in an attachment)**



**Community-based services (Please describe below or in an attachment)**

**Community-based Programs:**

☐ Work release programs

☐ Evidence-based programs designed to reduce recidivism that include a balanced administration of sanctions, supervision and treatment

☐ Structured transitional leave programs

☐ Reentry courts HB 3194 §29

☐ Specialty courts aimed at medium-risk and high-risk offenders

Multnomah County intends to participate in the Justice Reinvestment Grant Program and requests an award in the amount of \$ 3,165,399.00 for use during the 2013-2015 biennium.

Signatures of County Commissioners

Chair Jeff Cogen, Commissioners Judy Shiprack, Loretta Smith, Diane McKeel, Debra Kafoury

Printed Names of County Commissioners

Date

Federal Tax ID Number

State Tax ID Number

**Approved by Criminal Justice Commission**

Signature

Date

Name/Title

Printed Name/Title