



**MULTNOMAH COUNTY
AGENDA PLACEMENT REQUEST
NOTICE OF INTENT**

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Meeting Date: 10/6/11
Agenda Item #: R.2
Est. Start Time: 9:55 am
Date Submitted: 9/22/11

Agenda Title: **NOTICE OF INTENT TO SUBMIT A LETTER OF INTEREST FOR THE DEPARTMENT OF CORRECTIONS GENDER SPECIFIC REENTRY SERVICES PILOT PROJECT**

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: October 6, 2011 **Amount of Time Needed:** 5 minutes
Department: Community Justice **Division:** Adult Services
Contact(s): Karen Rhein
Phone: 988-5819 **Ext.** 85819 **I/O Address:** B503/250/DCJ
Presenter Name(s) & Title(s): Kathleen Treb, Assistant Director Employee Clinical Community Services

General Information

1. What action are you requesting from the Board?

The Department of Community Justice (DCJ) requests approval to submit a letter of interest to the Department of Corrections (DOC) for the Gender Specific Reentry Services Pilot Project. The project budget would be \$276,278 per year for two years.

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.

This request is to pilot a program of reentry and recovery services for young women (ages 18-30) who are returning to Multnomah County following incarceration at Coffee Creek Correctional Facility. Both Oregon State Department of Corrections and Multnomah County have been working with Volunteers of America, Community Partners Reinvestment ("CPR") for re-entering men since 2004. Similar to the CPR services currently delivered to young men, the Women's Program will use a person-centered approach based on readiness to change. Clinical services will feature evidence-based curricula that are tailored to enhance motivation in young adult women consistent with NIDA's *Principles of Drug Abuse Treatment for Criminal Justice Populations*. Although a participant does not need to have problems with Alcohol and other Drugs, it has been VOA's

experience that most individuals who volunteer to participate want and need healthy recovery services. DCJ estimates there are approximately 60 women each year between the ages of 18-30 who release to Multnomah County. CPR's comprehensive reentry program for women will have the capacity to serve 30 women and their families at any one time.

The proposed CPR Women's Program will be offered to young adult women who are between the ages of 18 and 30, serving time for a felony offense, returning to Multnomah County following incarceration, and are assessed as medium to very high risk. Eligible participants will be recruited from Coffee Creek.

This will allow a comprehensive approach to reintegration into the community for women and their families by incorporating reentry planning activities and will assist the offender and the community through the reentry process with a broad-based aftercare services for the target population.

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

DCJ is requesting \$276,278/yr for two years. The majority of the monies will be given to Volunteers of America Oregon (VOA).

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

The grantee (DCJ) shall meet the following requirements:

Comply with all other federal, state, and local laws and regulations governing services purchased through this solicitation.

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

DCJ will work with the Department of Corrections and Volunteers of America CPR program in collaboration to provide services to young adult women who are between the ages of 18 and 30, who are serving time for a felony offense, returning to Multnomah County following incarceration, and are assessed as medium to very high risk.

ATTACHMENT A

Grant Application/Notice of Intent

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

• **Who is the granting agency?**

Department of Corrections.

• **Specify grant (matching, reporting and other) requirements and goals.**

DCJ will further our partnership with VOA Community Partners Reinvestment Project (CPR) by continuing to enhance our partnership with VOA. These services are designed to promote more effective and successful reentry for offenders through the establishment and maintenance of pre and post-release relationships. Services that are gender-specific, developmentally-appropriate and culturally competent are an integral strategy to help achieve our long-term outcomes of linking returning offenders to the broader community and reducing recidivism. Once the program has been fully-implemented, we anticipate that our CPR Women's Program will experience similar results to those demonstrated through the Men's Program. Specifically, the project will demonstrate:

- ♦ significant reductions in substance use, mental health symptoms, and risk for recidivism;
- ♦ positive movement within the *Stages of Change*;

- ♦ improved family functioning; and
 - ♦ increased educational/employment opportunities
- **Explain grant funding detail – is this a one time only or long term commitment?**
The grant amount is \$276,278 per year for two years. This is a 2011 Legislature appropriation to the Department of Corrections for reentry services pilot project.
 - **What are the estimated filing timelines?**
The letter of interest deadline is September 23rd.
 - **If a grant, what period does the grant cover?**
FY 2011-2013.
 - **When the grant expires, what are funding plans?**
DCJ will continue to seek funding for these services from future government grants and private foundations. DCJ in collaboration with Volunteers of America will explore other funding streams. As always DCJ review funding decisions on a regular basis and makes changes in allocations based on the program outcomes.
 - **Is 100% of the central and departmental indirect recovered? If not, please explain why.**
Yes, there will be \$25,116 of indirect cost for DCJ and there are no DCJ staff in this proposal.

ATTACHMENT B

Required Signatures

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



Date: 9/22/11

Scott Taylor

Budget Analyst:



Date: 9/22/11

Shannon Busby