



# MULTNOMAH COUNTY AGENDA PLACEMENT REQUEST

(Revised: 6/9/2014)

## Board Clerk Use Only

Meeting Date: 050516  
Agenda Item #: R.1  
Est. Start Time: 9:30 am  
Date Submitted: 042816

**Agenda Title:** **Briefing on MacArthur Foundation's Safety and Justice Challenge**

*Note: Title should not be more than 2 lines but be sufficient to describe the action requested.*

**Requested:** 5/5/16 **Time Needed:** 45 minutes  
**Department:** Non-Departmental **Division:** LPSCC/Shiprack  
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**Presenter Name(s) & Title(s):** Abbey Stamp, LPSCC; other invited guests

## General Information

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

No action – Informational Board briefing

### 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 MacArthur Safety and Justice Challenge (SJC) is a national initiative designed to reduce over-incarceration by changing the way America thinks about and uses jails. The initiative was launched in spring 2015 with a competition to fund a six month planning process in 20 jurisdictions nation-wide. Policy, operations and data Teams were formed to analyze the existing criminal justice system and develop potential strategies to reduce jail bed use while ensuring public safety.

In January, 2016 Multnomah County submitted the grant application to the Safety and Justice Challenge, highlighting three strategies to reduce jail bed usage. They included using community engagement as a framework for reducing racial and ethnic disparities; rapid identification, triage and care coordination for those with behavioral health issues and reducing racial and ethnic disparities by improving community corrections practices (see submitted narrative).

This briefing will provide information about the current status of the competition and efforts to maintain the momentum for reducing jail bed usage in Multnomah County.

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

Multnomah County was chosen to be a partner site and will receive \$150,000 from the MacArthur Foundation, as well as technical assistance, to support continued participation in the Safety and Justice Challenge.

**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.**

Led by LPSCC's Executive Director and national consultants assigned by the MacArthur Foundation, planning efforts included leadership and/or staff from the Chair's Office, Commissioner Shiprack's Office, Office of Diversity and Equity, Department of Community Justice, Health Department, Multnomah County Circuit Court, Sheriff's Office, District Attorney's Office, Portland Police Department, and the City of Portland's Black Male Achievement Project.

On December 7, 2015, leaders of the Policy, Operations and Data teams also held a community forum to seek input for the chosen strategies from community partners and the public.

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**Required Signature**

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**Elected  
Official or  
Department**

**Director:** Matthew Lashua /s/ **Date:** 042816

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