



# MULTNOMAH COUNTY AGENDA PLACEMENT REQUEST NOTICE OF INTENT

(Revised: 10/27/14)

APPROVED: MULTNOMAH COUNTY  
BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS  
AGENDA # R.2 DATE 3-26-15  
LYNDA GROW, BOARD CLERK

## Board Clerk Use Only

Meeting Date: 3/26/15  
Agenda Item #: R.2  
Est. Start Time: 9:50 am  
Date Submitted: 3/11/15

**Agenda Title:** NOTICE OF INTENT to Apply to the MacArthur Foundation Safety and Justice Challenge for \$150,000 for a 6-month Planning Grant

Requested Meeting Date: 3/26/2015 Time Needed: 10 minutes  
Department: Health (fiscal agent)/LPSCC (programmatic leadership)/Chair's office (project oversight) Division: Chair's Office  
Contact(s): Nancy Griffith, Corrections Health; Abbey Stamp, LPSCC; and, Casey Filice, Chair's Office  
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Presenter Name(s) & Title(s): Nancy Griffith, Corrections Health; Abbey Stamp, LPSCC; Alison Frye, Health Services Development Administrator; and, Casey Filice, Chair's Office

## General Information

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

Approval for the Chair's Office to submit an application to the MacArthur Foundation for \$150,000 for a planning grant (approximately 6 months). The Health Department will serve as the fiscal agent, while the programmatic leadership will reside under the Local Public Safety Coordinating Council (LPSCC). The Chair's office will provide overall project oversight.

### 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.

America's reliance on local jail incarceration has grown dramatically over the past three decades. Jail populations have more than tripled since the 1980s, and so have

cumulative expenditures related to building and running jails. There are now nearly 12 million admissions to local jails annually—almost 20 times the number of admissions to state and federal prisons.

To support the spread of best practices and to encourage innovation, the MacArthur Foundation is launching the Safety and Justice Challenge, an initial five-year, \$75 million investment in local reform, research, experimentation, and communications intended to create national demand for local justice reform as a means of reducing over-incarceration in America. Through the Safety and Justice Challenge, the Foundation will support a nationwide network of selected local jurisdictions committed to finding ways to safely reduce jail incarceration, with a particular focus on addressing disproportionate impact on low-income individuals and communities of color. The first round of funding will provide \$150,000 to up to 20 jurisdictions to complete a cross-sector planning process to develop an implementation plan for policy and practice change strategies, jail overuse, and disparate impacts on vulnerable communities. Ten projects will be selected for Round Two funding (\$500,000-\$2million dollars annually over two years) to implement plans developed in Round One.

Multnomah County's partnership will initially include: the Sheriff's Department, Corrections Health, Mental Health and Additions, LPSCC, The District Attorney, Department of Community Justice, the Office of Diversity and Equity, Metro Public Defenders, the Court System, and local area Police Bureaus. Additional partners will be engaged throughout the process as appropriate.

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

This is one time funding of \$150,000 for approximately 6 months. Funding will be spread across participating Departments/agencies.

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

The proposed project will identify policy and/or practice changes that would impact overuse of jails and/or disproportionate impact on people of color and those with behavioral health issues. Additionally the project will build on previous LPSCC subcommittee work which created policy recommendations after analyzing data relating to emergency population releases, and will integrate recommendations from the Mental Health Jail Diversion Budget Note.

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

This project is a cross Department/agency collaboration that includes those listed above. Additional members/committees of LPSCC and/or community partners will be engaged as appropriate.

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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?**  
The granting agency is The MacArthur Foundation.
- **Specify grant (matching, reporting and other) requirements and goals.**

No matching is required. Reporting requirements are not specified. To be considered for Round Two, grantees must develop implementation plans.

- **Explain grant funding detail – is this a one time only or long term commitment?**  
This is a one-time funding opportunity, which could lead to an additional two years of funding in Round Two.
- **What are the estimated filing timelines?**  
The application is due on March 31, 2015.
- **If a grant, what period does the grant cover?**  
Awards will be announced around May 15, 2015. Funding is for approximately 6 months. Planning activities are to be complete by the end of December 2015.
- **When the grant expires, what are funding plans?**  
Planning activities will be complete when the grant expires.
- **Is 100% of the central and departmental indirect recovered? If not, please explain why.**  
100% of indirect costs are covered.

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### **Required Signatures**

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

Wendy Lear on behalf of Joanne Fuller/s/

**Date:** 3/6/2015

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

Deborah Kafoury /s/

**Date:** 3/10/2015

**Budget Analyst:**

Wendy Lin-Kelly /s/

**Date:** 3/10/2015

*Note: Please submit electronically. We are no longer using actual signatures. Insert names of your approvers followed by /s/. Please insert date approved*