



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

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APPROVED: MULTNOMAH COUNTY  
BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS

AGENDA # R.8 DATE 6/1/17  
MARINA BAKER, ASST BOARD CLERK

**Board Clerk Use Only**

Meeting Date: 6/1/17  
Agenda Item #: R.8  
Est. Start Time: 11:10 am  
Date Submitted: 5/25/17

**Agenda Title: NOTICE OF INTENT to apply to the MacArthur Foundation Safety and Justice Challenge for up to \$1 million/year.**

*Note: This APR is for NOI's only. APRs are available for other types of submittals. Title should not be more than 2 lines but be sufficient to describe the action requested.*

**Requested Meeting Date:** 6/1/17 **Time Needed:** 10 minutes  
**Department:** LPSCC **Division:** n/a  
**Contact(s):** Abbey Stamp, Executive Director  
**Phone:** \_\_\_\_\_ **Ext.** 98577 **I/O Address:** 503/6  
**Presenter Name(s) & Title(s):** Abbey Stamp, LPSCC Executive Director

A Notice of Intent is required to obtain approval from the Board of County Commissioners to ensure a competitive grant proposal is in alignment with the County's mission; to receive an indication from the Board of its willingness to commit the necessary County resources to support the grant. A Budget Modification is required to appropriate funds received from a successful grant proposal.

**Notice of Intent Specific Information**

**Department recommendation for consent agenda placement (must meet all criteria):**

- Proposal is under \$500,000/ year.
- Proposal does not require cash match as part of the budget.
- Proposal does not commit County to on-going programming following award.
- Proposal adheres to the County's indirect guidelines.
- Proposal is within the Department's strategic direction.
- Proposal does not have policy and/or legal implications that warrant a public dialog.

*To the best of my knowledge, this proposal adheres to all of the above criteria and may be placed on the Board of County Commissioner's Consent Agenda. I understand the proposal can be moved to the regular Board Agenda for any reason by Commissioners or their staff.*

*To the best of my knowledge, this proposal does not meet criteria for placement on the Consent Agenda and should be placed on the Regular Agenda.*

**Please complete for any NOI:**

<b>Granting Agency</b>	MacArthur Foundation
<b>Proposal due date</b>	June 1, 2017
<b>Grant period</b>	October 1, 2017 – September 30, 2019, with the potential for expanding for five years.
<b>Approximate level of funding by year</b>	\$1million/year
<b>Program Offer(s) potentially impacted</b>	
<b>How do you expect to spend the majority of funds? (check all that apply)</b>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Personnel <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Sub-contracts <input type="checkbox"/> Capital (including equipment)
<b>Does grant require match? If so, describe type (cash, FTE, etc) and %</b>	No match is required.

**1. Brief overview of grant’s purpose and/or impact.**

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. Multnomah County was selected as one of 20 SJC participants in 2015, which prompted an intensive six-month planning process and an application to receive funding to implement three jail reduction strategies with a projected jail reduction of 7.74%. Multnomah County was not successful in that application, but received \$150,000 to continue planning efforts towards reapplying for funds in Spring 2017. The current proposal is more comprehensive than the 2015 plan, supporting at least 13 strategies that would result in jail reductions of approximately 12%. Led by LPSCC’s Executive Director, planning efforts included leadership from the Chair’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 Bureau, Gresham Police Department, and the City of Portland’s Black Male Achievement Project.

If successful, Multnomah County will receive up to \$1 million/year for between 2-5 years to continue jail reform efforts. The application is being submitted by Chair Kafoury’s Office and led by the Local Public Safety Coordinating Council (LPSCC). These funds would increase availability of appropriate housing options; approximately \$750,000 of MacArthur funds would create a jail alternative option for justice-involved women, particularly women of color, with behavioral health needs. The remaining \$250,000 will be used for project and strategy management as well as required data collection and analysis.

**2. Brief overview of how proposal is aligned with Department’s strategic direction.**

The proposal is supportive of several strategic priorities:

- Reducing jail bed usage: BCC voted to close two dorms in the last fiscal year, a total of 118 beds, which focused efforts to eliminate the needs for these beds to ensure the jail does not reach capacity. In addition, research increasingly supports changing practices to reduce dependence on jail, which is consistent with the SJC Policy Team’s vision to ensure the local criminal justice system is fair, equitable, and positioned to jail only those individuals who pose a threat to community safety.
- Reducing Racial and Ethnic Disparities: Data analysis during the planning process detailed racial and ethnic disparities throughout the county’s criminal justice system. There are at least four strategies outlined in the proposal that will directly address these inequities and reduce disparities, a funding priority for the county.

- Improving services for those with behavioral health issues: At least five strategies are specifically designed to meet the needs of justice-involved individuals with behavioral health issues, which will move those individuals out of the jail and into treatment settings more quickly, thereby improving overall outcomes while also reducing jail dependency.
- Increasing availability of appropriate housing options: Approximately \$750,000 of MacArthur funds would create a jail alternative option for women, particularly women of color, with behavioral health needs. This supportive housing would serve up to 21 women offering intensive case management, and be paired with day shelter programming to support other women with behavioral health needs.

**3. Describe any community and/or government input considered in planning for this grant.**

A cross-jurisdictional team that includes County staff from DCJ and MCHD as well as staff from the Circuit Court, and the Joint Office on Housing and Homelessness has designed the jail alternative program. Program staff working in the community also solicited input from individuals with lived experience.

**4. What partners may be included in program activities?**

LPSCC, DCJ, MCHD/MHASD, Joint Office will provide internal services and supports. Contracts for on-site services will be procured, along with securing an appropriate facility.

**5. Generally, what are the grant's reporting requirements?**

MacArthur requires annual reporting, including extensive data analysis. A project manager and data analyst are included in the request to meet these requirements.

**Please complete for NOIs on the Regular Board Agenda ONLY:**

**6. When the grant expires, will your Department continue to fund the program? If so, how?**

At least 12 of the proposed strategies are not dependent on MacArthur funding and will be continued. The Women's Supportive Housing program would require additional funding to continue if it is proven to be successful. At this time, LPSCC does not have funding to maintain it after funding ends.

**7. Are 100% of the central and departmental indirect costs recovered? If not, please explain.**

Yes, indirect costs are recovered.

**8. If the proposal is not aligned with your Department's strategic direction, explain why you are pursuing it at this time.**

n/a

**9.**

**10. If the grant requires a cash match, how will you meet that requirement?**

Cash match is not required, nor is it included.

**11. Are there policy issues and/or legal implications related to this proposal that may warrant a public dialog? If so, please explain.**

Encouraging a public dialog about jail use and the criminal justice system is an important part of the SJC process. LPSCC provides regular briefings to the BCC on these issues and other community engagement activities are included in the proposal. In addition, community members are included in SJC planning efforts.

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**Required Signatures**

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**Elected Official or Department/ Agency Director:** \_\_\_\_\_ **Abbey Stamp** \_\_\_\_\_ **/s/** \_\_\_\_\_ **Date:** May 25, 2017

**Budget Analyst:** \_\_\_\_\_ **/s/** \_\_\_\_\_ **Date:** \_\_\_\_\_

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