



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

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Meeting Date: 12/10/15
Agenda Item #: R.9
Est. Start Time: 10:35 am
Date Submitted: 12/3/15

Agenda Title: **NOTICE OF INTENT** to apply to the MacArthur Foundation Safety and Justice Challenge for up to \$2 million/year in implementation funding.

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: December 10, 2015 **Time Needed:** 10 minutes
Department: Chair's Office **Division:** _____
Contact(s): Abbey Stamp
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Presenter Name(s) & Title(s): Abbey Stamp, LPSCC Executive Director, Sheri Campbell, Sr. Grants Coordinator

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:

Granting Agency	John D. and Catherine T. MacArthur Foundation
Proposal due date	January 6, 2016
Grant period	Up to three years, beginning March 2016
Approximate level of funding by year	Up to \$2 million per year
Program Offer(s) potentially impacted	New programming, may include LPSCC, Sheriff, DCJ, DA, Corrections Health
How do you expect to spend the majority of funds? (check all that apply)	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Personnel <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Sub-contracts <input type="checkbox"/> Capital (including equipment)
Does grant require match? If so, describe type (cash, FTE, etc) and %	Grant does not require match.

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. The initiative was launched in spring 2015 with a competition to fund a six month planning process in 20 jurisdictions nation-wide. Multnomah County was selected to participate from over 190 applications submitted, which has resulted in policy, operations and data teams analyzing the existing criminal justice system and developing potential strategies to reduce jail bed use while ensuring public safety. 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.

The Policy Team has endorsed three jail-reduction strategies, as follows:

- 1) Community Engagement as a Systems Change Framework for Reducing Racial and Ethnic Disparities
- 2) Rapid Identification, Triage, and Care Coordination of Forensic Behavioral Health Population
- 3) Improve Sanctioning Practices and Reduce Racial and Ethnic Disparities

Multnomah County is applying to be one of ten jurisdictions selected from among the existing 20 awardees to receive implementation funding of up to \$2 million/year for two years. Additional funding for a third year is possible if progress towards outcomes is achieved. As was true of the planning project, the application is being submitted by Chair Kafoury’s Office, led by the Local Public Safety Coordinating Council (LPSCC), with the Health Department serving as the fiscal lead.

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

Strategies outlined in the proposal are consistent with countywide initiatives and on-going work of county departments and collaborative efforts, as follows:

Reducing Racial and Ethnic Disparities is a funding priority for the county budgeting process and at the core of multiple initiatives within and across county departments. In addition, LPSCC partners are actively engaged in addressing racial and ethnic disparities utilizing the Equity and

Empowerment Lens in their Gang Assessment and working towards aligning data collection across partners that will allow identification and amelioration of disparities systemwide.

Improvements in the identification, triage and case coordination for Behavioral Health populations is a priority at both the state and local levels. To this end, LPSCC commissioned the Multnomah County Mental Health Jail Diversion Feasibility Assessment to investigate the need and feasibility of enhancing services for people in county jails who have a mental illness, work that will be advanced through this strategy. Furthermore, the LPSCC Mental Health subcommittee has been working to align programs with existing and emerging efforts at the state and federal levels.

Improvements in sanctioning practices will build a culturally responsive system for adults mirroring the success of the Department of Community Justice's work in building culturally responsive interventions and diversion to youth engaged in the juvenile justice system. The strategy is also aligned with the county's commitment to reducing Racial and Ethnic Disparities, which exist in current sanctioning practices.

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

This proposal is the result of a six month planning process involving internal and external partners across the criminal justice system. Planning also included an 'open house' for interested community members and partners involved in the public safety system.

4. What partners may be included in program activities?

The project is a broad systemic effort and includes all planning partners (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) as well as additional community partners essential to completion of the proposed strategies.

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

The MacArthur Foundation has quarterly data reporting systems 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?

Several components of the proposed Community Engagement strategy will support processes intended to improve Multnomah County's Criminal Justice system and reduce Racial and Ethnic Disparities. These components have been designed to be largely completed within the project's 2-3 year timeframe, though on-going engagement activities will likely continue as a part of normal practice across partners.

Other proposed funding will support program components intended to improve outcomes for justice-involved individuals. Evaluation of these components will assist partners across the criminal justice system identify interventions and supports proven to be effective in reducing jail bed use. Partners will work throughout the grant period to align activities with on-going policy/funding discussions at the state level as well as improving insurance reimbursement processes to support continuation of these practices at the end of the funding period. The

effectiveness of those activities without a viable funding alternative will be evaluated as a part of the project and integrated into other grant or funding requests as appropriate.

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

Yes, the MacArthur Foundation pays indirect costs.

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

The grant does not require cash match.

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

As outlined above, the application is a result of a planning process that has involved criminal justice system partners actively engaged in policy discussions related to criminal justice and racial and ethnic disparities. These discussions have been vetted in a community forum and continue during the grant period through Strategy 1 outlined above.

Required Signatures

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

Nancy Bennett /s/

12/3/15

Date:

Budget Analyst:

Christian Elkin /s/

Date: 12/3/15

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