



**MARION COUNTY PUBLIC SAFETY COORDINATING COUNCIL  
MARION COUNTY REENTRY COUNCIL**

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**ISSUE BRIEF**

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**Date:** June 13, 2017

**Issue:** What process should the Marion County Public Safety Coordinating Council (MCPSCC) adopt for approving the FY2017-19 Justice Reinvestment Initiative grant program application?

**BACKGROUND**

House Bill 3194 (2013) created a Justice Reinvestment policy for Oregon, designed to reduce costs and avoid new prison construction by reducing offender recidivism and diverting new offenders from state prisons. These goals are accomplished through evidence-based programs and practices that change criminal behavior and provide supports so that clients can live successfully in the community. The Oregon Criminal Justice Commission (CJC) was charged with administering a Justice Reinvestment plan and legislative appropriation. Marion County received an allocation of \$3,428,059 for the 2015-17 biennium. The 2017 Oregon legislature has not yet appropriated funds for the 2017-19 Justice Reinvestment Grant Program.

The application is required by statute to be submitted by each county's local public safety coordinating council. CJC's draft request for Grant Proposals includes the following goals for the Justice Reinvestment funded services. It should be noted that there are slight variances in these goals compared to the prior biennium. The table below serves to illustrate these differences:

| <b>GOAL</b> | <b>FY 2017-19</b>  | <b>FY 2015-17</b>   |
|-------------|--|---|
| 1           | Reduce prison populations for property, drug, and driving offenses | Reduce prison populations and avert future growth                           |
| 2           | Reduce recidivism through evidence-based practices                 | Reduce recidivism through evidence-based practices and data-driven research |
| 3           | Increase public safety   | Increase public safety through local and regional collaboration             |
| 4.          | Hold offenders accountable   | Increase offender accountability  |

The following table lists the allowable uses for justice reinvestment funds.

| <b>2017-19 ALLOWABLE USES</b> |   |
|-------------------------------|---|
| <b>1</b>                      | Developing and implementing evidence-based programs that provide substance abuse, mental health, and behavioral health treatment, jail-based interventions, and supervision and reentry services.               |
| <b>2</b>                      | Developing and using system mapping to align local criminal justice system processes.   |
| <b>3</b>                      | Building an effective collaborative LPSCC.  |
| <b>4</b>                      | Collecting and analyzing local data to inform decision making.  |
| <b>5</b>                      | Developing and implementing pre-and post-adjudication diversion programs that reduce state prison or local jail usage.  |
| <b>6</b>                      | Provide specialized training to law enforcement officers to enhance the conflict resolution, mediation, problem solving, service, and other skills needed to work in partnership with members of the community. |
| <b>7</b>                      | Developing, implementing and enhancing victim services and supports.  |

Marion County’s application will describe each proposed program; its target population; the evidence-based practices/services to be implemented, as well as the research that supports the use of the practices/services as part of the proposed program; and list the metrics to be tracked locally in order to evaluate progress in achieving the goals and objectives identified in the program description. The application due date is August 31, 2017, pending legislative approval.

**PRIORITIZATION CONSIDERATIONS**

The council began working on the 2015-17 Justice Reinvestment Initiative plan in September 2014 and approved the plan in October 2015. The council met jointly with the Marion County Reentry Council, participating in in-depth learning sessions about every aspect of the plan, including victim services, and associated community corrections strategies. The council created a process to prioritize programs and services, resulting in the 2015-17 Justice Reinvestment Grant Application, including developing prioritization criteria, based on the following questions:

1. What Community Corrections programs and services are currently being funded with Justice Reinvestment or other funds?
2. How successful have these programs been in meeting CJC goals outlined above?
3. What funding gaps are forthcoming for existing services?
4. To what extent should Justice Reinvestment funds be used to sustain services that will experience funding gaps?
5. What new programs or services should be considered, if additional funding becomes available? To what extent will those new programs and services meet the goals and allowable funding parameters for Justice Reinvestment funds?

At its July 14, 2015 meeting, the council then adopted the following parameters or criteria for prioritizing programs and services to be included in the 2015-17 Justice Reinvestment Initiative Grant Application.

**Parameter 1**

Services considered for funding must be evidence based.

**Parameter 2**

Existing services funded with Justice Reinvestment funds and demonstrating results in achieving Justice Reinvestment goals will have highest priority for funding at “current service level;” i.e., allowing appropriate adjustments for cost of living and other personnel and materials costs needed to sustain the program in the upcoming year.

**Parameter 3**

If additional Justice Reinvestment funds become available, funds to fill “gaps” in or otherwise enhance existing services, or to create new services, will be considered equally, assuming Parameter 1 is met. The council will analyze the potential of each proposed new or enhanced service to:

- 1: Divert offenders from state prison to avoid future prison growth;
- 2: Reduce prison populations for property, drug, and driving offenses; or
- 3: Increase public safety

**Parameter 4**

For worthy public safety programs not funded in the Justice Reinvestment plan, the council will explore alternative funding options, leverage community engagement, and assist partner organizations in seeking grants or other appropriations through letters of support and advocacy.

The council will need to consider these criteria and a timeline to move forward with developing an application for 2017-19 Justice Reinvestment funds. A proposed timeline is included on page 4.

**ACTION**

The Steering Committee recommends that the council adopt the proposed criteria and timeline for the 2017-19 Justice Reinvestment Grant Application process.

**Attachments**

1. Executive Summary: MCPSCC Justice Reinvestment Grant Program Application FY2015-17
2. Budget Estimates FY 2015-17: Community Corrections/HB 3194 Service Needs
3. Oregon Criminal Justice Commission 2017-2019 Justice Reinvestment Grant Program

## Marion County 2017-19 Justice Reinvestment Grant Application Timeline Action Plan

| RESPONSIBLE ENTITY                             | TASK   | DUE DATE         | COMMENTS  |
|--|--|------------------|---|
| MCPSCC Steering Committee                      | Discussion/Recommendation: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Introduction/Background</li> <li>• Timeline</li> <li>• Criteria</li> </ul>                     | May 23           |   |
| MCPSCC   | Discussion/Approval: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Introduction/Background</li> <li>• Adopt timeline</li> <li>• Adopt Criteria</li> </ul>               | June 13          |   |
| MCPSCC Steering Committee                      | Review/Recommendation: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Portfolio of Performance</li> <li>• Budget estimates</li> <li>• Funding recommendations</li> </ul> | June 27          |   |
| MCPSCC   | Adopt program and funding recommendations  | July 11          | If run out of time, delegate remaining tasks to Steering Committee            |
| Community Corrections Board                    | Review and approve plan  | July 25          |   |
| MCPSCC Steering Committee                      | Finalize program and funding recommendations (if needed)   | July 25          |   |
| Sheriff's Office, BOC                          | Write application  | July 25- Aug 16  |   |
| BOC  | Submit paperwork for board agenda to Board Clerk   | August 16        |   |
| BOC  | Approve application  | August 23        |   |
| <b>Sheriff's Office</b>                        | <b>Deadline to submit application to Criminal Justice Commission</b>   | <b>August 31</b> |   |
| Criminal Justice Commission                    | Intent to award letters distributed  | November 20      | Grant awards are contingent on Grant Program funding and application approval |
| Criminal Justice Commission & Sheriff's Office | Grant award letters/agreements completed   | December 4       |   |

