



BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS

AGENDA REQUEST & STAFF REPORT

MEETING DATE: April 22, 2024

SUBJECT: Department of Justice Violence Against Women grant to improve criminal justice responses to sexual assaults, domestic violence and stalking

RECOMMENDED MOTION:

Move to approve the application for a 2024 Violence Against Women ICJR grant to continue the Deschutes County High Risk Domestic Violence Team.

BACKGROUND AND POLICY IMPLICATIONS:

The District Attorney's Office in partnership with Saving Grace, Parole and Probation, DCSO, BPD, RPD, SPD and BBRPD, have partnered for two prior ICJR grants to improve our community's responses to domestic violence cases and survivors.

Grant funding will be used to support two HRDVT positions and team training. One of the positions would be for a limited term, part-time domestic violence investigator (DVI) based out of the DA's Office. The DVI will assist with DV case investigation. The other position would be for a LAP/law enforcement liaison at Saving Grace to provide comprehensive services for the high risk survivors.

If awarded the grant, funds would be available from October 1, 2024 to September 30, 2027. The total amount of grant funding available from OVW has not increased substantially over the years, so we will be refining the roles of both grant-funded positions so that our project objectives can be achieved within the constraints of the funding available.

The grant application is a two-step process with forms due by April 30, 2024 and the full proposal due on May 2, 2024.

BUDGET IMPACTS:

The three year grant request would be for a maximum of \$500,000. There is no requirement for a matching funds.

ATTENDANCE:

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