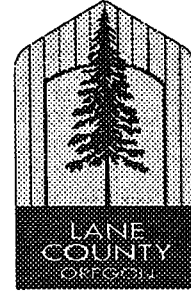


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AGENDA COVER MEMO

AGENDA DATE: May 24, 2006
TO: Board of County Commissioners
DEPARTMENT: Health & Human Services
PRESENTED BY: Rob Rockstroh



AGENDA TITLE: ORDER / _____ IN THE MATTER OF APPLYING FOR A FEDERAL U.S. DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE, OFFICE OF JUSTICE PROGRAMS, BUREAU OF JUSTICE ASSISTANCE GRANT IN THE AMOUNT OF \$250,000 FOR THIRTY MONTHS TO INCREASE COLLABORATION BETWEEN THE MENTAL HEALTH AND CRIMINAL JUSTICE SYSTEMS (DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH & HUMAN SERVICES)

I. MOTION

Order / _____ In the Matter of Applying for a Federal U.S. Department of Justice, Office of Justice Programs, Bureau of Justice Assistance Grant in the Amount of \$250,000 for Thirty Months To Increase Collaboration Between the Mental Health and Criminal Justice Systems.

II. ISSUE OR PROBLEM

The Federal U.S. Department of Justice, Office of Justice Programs, Bureau of Justice Assistance has released a Justice and Mental Health Collaboration Program grant announcement. Grant applications are being accepted to increase public safety through innovative cross-system collaboration for individuals with mental illness who come into contact with the criminal justice system. The Lane County Department of Health & Human Services is seeking approval of the Board of Commissioners for Lane County to apply for these grant funds.

III. DISCUSSION

A. Background/Analysis

In May, 2003, Lane County was awarded a two year \$149,999 grant from the U.S. Department of Justice to establish a Mental Health Court demonstration project. The Lane County Mental Health Court began operation in September of 2003 within the Circuit Court. With the decision of the District Attorney to cease

prosecuting non-violent misdemeanors, the Municipal Court of Eugene joined the Mental Health Court partnership and began the Mental Health Court diversion program in September 2004. By the completion of this grant in December, 2005, a total of sixty one persons entered Mental Health Courts with twenty-five successful graduates. Twenty-two of those graduates have had no further contact with the criminal justice system since completing the Mental Health Court diversion program.

The purpose of this new grant is to support established mental health courts and diversion/alternative prosecution and sentencing, provide service delivery for collateral services such as housing, transitional services, medications, employment and reentry services to create or expand mental health and support services for Mental Health Court participants.

Performance Measure Objectives for the grant include:

1. Reduce recidivism of the mentally ill in the criminal justice system.
2. Increase the number of criminal justice personnel trained in or using law enforcement-based diversion strategies.
3. Increase the number of alternative jail diversion strategies.
4. Increase number of correctional-based transition programs for mentally ill offenders.
5. Increase mental health and other services available to mentally ill offenders.

The grant application is in early stages of development at the time of the writing of this board order. The U.S. Department of Justice allowed four weeks from release to submission of this grant proposal. The item was placed on the May 24 agenda in order to gain approval prior to the submission deadline of June 2, 2006. A copy of the grant proposal will be made available prior to the board meeting date.

Preliminary discussions determined that the project may include the following components.

1. Screening for mental illness for all people entering the Lane County jail.
2. Housing supports for homeless mentally ill when enrolled in Mental Health Court Diversion program.
3. Supported employment.
4. Medications.
5. Follow up and aftercare through a peer supported system for participants to increase likelihood of continued success.
6. Wraparound services as appropriate

The information required by the Board of County Commissioners prior to approval of grant applications and receipt of grant funds is provided below.

1. What is the match requirement, if any, and how is that to be covered for the duration of the grant?

A twenty percent match is required. Match will be \$36,000 per year funded by Lane County Mental Health for a dual diagnosis bed at Willamette Family Treatment and \$14,000 funded by Lane County Mental Health for Mental Health Specialist services (assessment, treatment plans) for clients accessing the dual diagnosis bed.

2. Will the grant require expenditures for Material and Services or capital not fully paid for by the grant?

No

3. Will the grant funds be fully expended before county funds need to be spent?

Yes

4. How will the administrative work of the grant be covered if the grant funds don't cover it?

The grant will cover administrative costs.

5. Have grant stakeholders been informed of the grant sun setting policy so there is no misunderstanding when the funding ends? Describe the plan for service if funding does not continue.

Yes, stakeholders are aware of the sun setting policy. The grant is for 30 months with the first six months dedicated to planning which will include competitive processes to award subcontracts for this grant. The proposal will build on the existing Mental Health Court infrastructure now in place so that when grant funds end, the Mental Health Court will continue. Lane County Mental Health has integrated services for Mental Health Court into its budget. The City of Eugene has for budget consideration \$100,000 dedicated for the continuation of Mental Health Courts. The Municipal Court judges are strong proponents of Mental Health Courts as are the Circuit Court judges who have been involved in diversion courts.

6. What accounting, auditing and evaluation obligations are imposed by the grant conditions?

Lane County Health & Human Services (H&HS) will contract with Lane Council of Governments (LCOG) to develop an appropriate evaluation plan. The grant contains specific data requirements. The

six month planning period will allow for Memorandums of Understanding to be developed by partners so data can be tracked and shared. LCOG conducted the evaluations for the first grant for Mental Health Court and received accolades from the Bureau of Justice Assistance for reports submitted.

7. How will the department cover the accounting, auditing and evaluation obligations? How are the costs for these obligations covered, regardless whether they are in the department submitting the grant or a support service department? Does the department acknowledge that the county will need to cover these costs and it is an appropriate cost incurred by support service departments?

H&HS will include the negotiated indirect cost rate in the grant application to cover these expenses. The evaluation expenses are included as a separate line item in the budget.

8. Are there any restrictions against applying the county full cost indirect charge?

No.

9. Are there unique or unusual conditions that trigger additional county work effort, or liability, i.e., maintenance of effort requirements or supplanting prohibitions or indemnity obligations?

No.

10. Is this a grant funded computer/software applications project?

No.

B. Alternatives/Options

1. To accept the motion, adopt the order and approve the grant application.
2. Not to accept the motion. This will result in the loss of opportunity to continue to build a Mental Health Court system.

C. Recommendation

To approve number one above.

D. Timing

June 2, 2006 – Grant application due
September 29, 2006 – Grant award announced
October 1, 2006 – Grant project begins

IV. IMPLEMENTATION

Upon action by the Board, the grant application will be processed for signature and forwarded to U.S. Department of Justice, Office of Justice Programs, Bureau of Justice Assistance.

V. ATTACHMENTS

Board Order

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THE BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS, LANE COUNTY, OREGON

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WHEREAS, the U.S. Department of Justice, Office of Justice Programs, Bureau of Justice Assistance has released a Justice and Mental Health Collaboration program grant opportunity; and

WHEREAS, Lane County has established Mental Health Courts in Circuit Court and Eugene Municipal Court through a previous grant award; and

WHEREAS, the grant will offer an opportunity for expanding mental health services through the Mental Health Courts including housing, transitional services, medications and supported employment.

NOW THEREFORE IT IS HEREBY ORDERED that Lane County shall apply for a Federal U.S. Department of Justice, Office of Justice Programs, Bureau of Justice Assistance grant in the amount of \$250,000 for thirty months to increase collaboration between the mental health and criminal justice systems.

FURTHER ORDERED that the county administrator be delegated authority to execute grant documents in the amount of \$250,000 for the thirty month period of the grant.

DATED this 24th day of May, 2006.

Bill Dwyer, Chair
Lane County Board Of Commissioners

APPROVED AS TO FORM
Date 5/16/06 lane county
J. Laidlaw
OFFICE OF LEGAL COUNSEL

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