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Oregon Criminal Justice Commission
885 Summer St, NE
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Re: Letter of Support from Clatsop County Board of County Commissioners

Dear Grant Review Committee,

As the county governing body, Clatsop Board of County Commissioners approves of the application for justice reinvestment grant funds submitted by our Local Public Safety Coordinating Council.

Over the last six years, Clatsop County has reduced its prison usage for non-violent crimes and we are currently 60% below our 2012-2015 average prison usage of 754 months.

Clatsop County is proposing two Justice Reinvestment Programs for the upcoming biennium:
1) Continuation of our Pretrial Release program: Pretrial release programs combine validated risk assessments, defendant interviews and confirmation of defendant factors to make objective release recommendations. Our pretrial program provides reasonable levels of supervision and monitoring to defendants on release. A new and growing body of research has shown pretrial programs are effective in reducing failure to appear, reducing new criminal activity and curbing recidivism. 2) Downward Departure/prison diversion program: Clatsop County Criminal Justice partners will work closely to identify justice involved individuals convicted of prison eligible crimes and divert them to an intensive supervision program within community corrections.

Clatsop County Justice Reinvestment Programs will provide opportunities for interventions that directly or indirectly reduce prison populations and influence individual trajectories.

On behalf of the Clatsop County Board of Commissioners, thank you for this opportunity to receive Justice Reinvestment grant revenue to support our programs.

Sincerely,

Mark Kujala
Chair, Clatsop County Board of Commissioners