

Analysis  
**Judicial Department**  
Yamhill Circuit Court

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**Analyst:** Gregory Jolivette

**Request:** Approve the submission of a federal grant application by the Oregon Judicial Department to the Bureau of Justice Assistance, in the amount of \$303,480, for the Yamhill Circuit Court.

**Analysis:** If approved, the grant will fund an existing vacant Program Coordinator position at the Yamhill Circuit Court for a period of three years. This position is responsible for tracking and reporting for the Adult Recovery Court and Court Coordinated Services programs. The 25% match will be met using in-kind Judge time. The application is due by April 16, 2019.

**Legislative Fiscal Office Recommendation:** Approve the request.

## Oregon Judicial Department McDonald

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**Request:** Authorization to apply for a grant of \$303,480 for the Yamhill Circuit Court Adult Drug Court and Co-occurring Disorders Court from the U.S. Department of Justice, Bureau of Justice Assistance, Office of Justice Programs.

**Recommendation:** The Oregon Judicial Department is not under executive budgetary authority.

**Discussion:** The Oregon Judicial Department (OJD) requests approval to apply for a federal grant from the Bureau of Justice Assistance, Office of Justice Programs, in order to support a limited duration Program Coordinator position for a three-year period. This position would support both the Adult Recovery Court (ARC) and the co-occurring substance abuse/mental health court known as Court Coordinated Services (CCS), in the Yamhill Circuit Court. These court programs have existed since 1997 and 2003, respectively. However, budget reductions realized in the 2017-19 biennium necessitated leaving the Program Coordinator position vacant. Other court staff took on the tracking and reporting responsibilities for both the ARC and CCS programs but hearings had to move from weekly to every other week to accommodate. If successful, this grant would provide funding to support a Program Coordinator from October 2019 through September 2022. The position will assume all required duties associated with the two programs in addition to providing support and record-keeping for the new Specialty Court Management System being implemented by OJD.

A state grant match of 25 percent is required and will be met using in-kind Judge time. This grant provides one-time funding for three federal fiscal years. The application deadline is April 16, 2019. After the performance period is complete, if the Department is unsuccessful at securing additional grant funding, the court would have to revert to current operations, submit a policy package requesting funds or discontinue all or part of the program.



**OREGON JUDICIAL DEPARTMENT**  
**Office of the State Court Administrator**

March 28, 2019  
**(SENT BY EMAIL)**

The Honorable Senator Betsy Johnson, Co-Chair  
The Honorable Senator Elizabeth Steiner Hayward, Co-Chair  
The Honorable Representative Dan Rayfield, Co-Chair  
Joint Committee on Ways and Means  
900 Court Street NE  
H-178 State Capitol  
Salem, OR 97301-4048

RE: Request for Permission to Apply for Federal Grant for the Yamhill Circuit Court Adult Drug Court and Co-occurring Disorders Court

Dear Co-Chairpersons:

**Nature of the Request**

The Oregon Judicial Department (OJD) is requesting permission to apply for a Bureau of Justice Assistance (BJA) Federal grant from the Office of Justice Programs, US DOJ, for the Yamhill Circuit Court Adult Drug Court and Co-occurring Disorders Court. The application would request \$303,480 in funding to support a program coordinator position and is due by April 16, 2019.

**Background**

The Yamhill Circuit Court has had an adult drug court since 1997, currently known as the Adult Recovery Court (ARC) and added a co-occurring substance abuse/mental health court, Court Coordinated Services (CCS) in 2003. Referrals to both the ARC and CCS programs come from probation officers, defense attorneys, prosecutors and judges. Recovery support services are provided by non-profit and county community partners. Capacity in the two programs is limited by court docket time with ARC at 50 participants and CCS at 25. Currently, there are 40 participants in ARC and 20 in CCS.

Due to budget reductions experienced by the department during the 2017-19 biennium, Yamhill Circuit Court was forced to leave open the Program Coordinator position that supported tracking and reporting for both the ARC and CCS programs at the court. Other court staff took on these duties, but the program was forced to move court hearings from weekly to every other week, impacting program management, tracking, and reporting activities.

OJD is requesting permission for the Yamhill Circuit Court to apply for a BJA grant through the US Department of Justice for funding to support a program coordinator for a three-year period (Oct. 2019 – Sept. 2022). The Program Coordinator will assume all required duties associated with the two programs, as well as providing support and record-keeping with the new Specialty Court Management System being implemented by OJD and CJC. The grant request will be for \$303,480 and will require a 25% match that will be met using in-kind Judge time.

**Action Requested**

The Oregon Judicial Department requests that the Joint Committee on Ways and Means approve OJD to apply for a federal grant.

**Legislation Affected**

None

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in dark ink, appearing to read "Nancy J. Cozine", with a stylized flourish at the end.

Nancy J. Cozine  
State Court Administrator

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cc: Chief Justice Martha L. Walters  
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