



**CENTRAL CITY
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HOMES HEALTH JOBS

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RE: Support Restorative Justice Grant Program

My name is Billy Anfield. I'm a member of Central City Concern's Public Policy team located in Portland Oregon. We are writing to express our support for continued funding of the Criminal Justice Commission's Restorative Justice Grant Program (RJGP). We care very much about Oregon continuing to fund and expand the Restorative Justice Grant Program because:

- Community based alternatives to prosecution are dramatically less expensive than the current system.
- Restorative justice empowers people to acknowledge, take responsibility for and work toward repairing the harm they caused. This leads to true accountability and reduced recidivism.
- There are strong benefits for everyone involved: survivor, the person responsible for the harm and the broader community.

We believe it is very important for Oregon to continue funding alternatives to prosecution and incarceration like restorative justice. We feel funding the Criminal Justice Commission's Restorative Justice Grant Program would demonstrate to us that the legislature is committed to creating more equitable approaches to harm that consider the needs of survivors.

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