

I am in SUPPORT of funding the CJC Restorative Justice Grant Fund. I have had experience with two of the currently funded programs and have personally seen it has been money well spent in our communities. I have worked with both harmed parties and responsible parties through meetings, circles, and restorative dialogue. I have watched first hand how it helped folks ask for what they needed from responsible parties after being impacted by a harm as well as being offered support services. It has given a chance for young folks in our community to avoid incarceration while taking responsibility for the harm they caused and finding ways to make amends for that. I have experienced alongside these folks the pride they have felt in finishing a restorative justice diversion process and knowing they can reintegrate back in their community now. These programs are what our communities all across Oregon need. Please consider funding the full \$4 million dollars over the 25-27 biennium.

Sincerely,

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