



Douglas County Local Public Safety Coordinating Council (LPSCC)  
**Temporary Justice Reinvestment (JRI) Subcommittee**  
**Meeting Minutes**

**Noon, Thursday, May 2, 2019**

*Room 310, Douglas County Courthouse*

**MEMBERS PRESENT:** Chris Boice, *Commissioner*; Frances Burge, *Presiding Judge*; Joe Garcia, *Community Corrections*; Rick Wesenberg, *District Attorney*;

**MEMBERS ABSENT:** Mike Nores, *Douglas CARES*

**ALSO PRESENT:** Melissa McRobbie-Toll, *LPSCC Coordinator*; Robert Wilson, *Treatment Court Coordinator*;

**JUSTICE REINVESTMENT – State & other updates**

LPSCC Coordinator and Joe Garcia shared the following information with the group:

- **Statewide funding level** - Legislature has not yet determined whether the state Justice Reinvestment (JRI) grant program will be fully funded as requested. The Governor's Recommended Budget has it at near-full funding but that could change.
- **Percentage change** – Douglas County receives two JRI grants: The main JRI grant (\$1.6 million) is allocated based on the statewide grant-in-aid formula that takes into account the number of people on supervision in each county, and the Supplemental JRI grant (\$298,880) is competitive. The main JRI grant will remain formula-based for the 2019/21 biennium, but Douglas County's percentage has dropped from 4.11 percent in 2017/19 to 3.71 in 2019/21. A corresponding funding decrease is anticipated.
- **Tougher grant process** – The Criminal Justice Commission (CJC) anticipates denying funding or authorizing only provisional funding to certain counties based on their prison usage and other factors.
- **RSAT grant** – There is also a non-JRI CJC grant that partially funds RSAT. Douglas County has historically received the full amount of that grant. However, the grant is now becoming competitive, and Douglas County will see a drop in funding.
- **Specialty Court grants** – The CJC this week released a solicitation for specialty court grants. These grant applications must now be approved by LPSCC. LPSCC Coordinator is in touch with Treatment Court Coordinator Robert Wilson to discuss this. The applications are due June 13.

**LOCAL JRI COSTS & EXPENDITURES**

- **Bargaining/PERS increases** – Two years ago, LPSCC allocated the same amounts to the same programs for 2017/19 as in the previous biennium but failed to account for bargaining and PERS

increases. That funding gap will be filled with leftover funding from the 2013/15 biennium. LPSCC Coordinator has requested information from County Finance on the expected cost increases for the 2019/21 biennium.

- **Funding gap** – JRI funding for RSAT will be about \$99,000 short due to bargaining and PERS increases. This amount will be covered by the leftover funding from 2013/15.
- **Underspent programs** – The \$24,000 allocated to Umpqua Valley Public Defender has not been spent. Of the \$24,000 allocated to the Transitional Housing Fund, about \$1,500 has been spent. The LPSCC Housing Subcommittee will make recommendations to LPSCC on the Transitional Housing Fund program. Only a small amount of the \$928 allocated to for LPSCC Coordinator office supplies has been spent.

#### **OTHER NOTES**

- **RSAT Liaison/Release Assistance Officer** – There is interest in having a designated point of contact for RSAT Liaison questions/communication.
- **Adapt costs** – Joe Garcia said it would be helpful to have a cost breakout from Adapt regarding the RSAT program. LPSCC Coordinator will contact Adapt to obtain this.

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**NEXT MEETING:** *Noon on Thursday, May 23*