

Application: Columbia County

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Justice Reinvestment Program 23-25

Summary

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23-25 JRP Close-Out (Narratives)

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Close-Out Narratives

Formula Grant

To close out your 2023-25 JRP grant, please provide a short narrative update on what was done over the last biennium (can include successes, challenges, and opportunities for improvement)

Over the 2023 – 2025 JRP Grant biennium, the Columbia County Justice Reinvestment Program (CCJRP) supported 13 high-risk individuals in the community who would otherwise have been likely to enter Oregon’s prison system. These individuals were served through enhanced supervision, targeted interventions, and community-based support consistent with Justice Reinvestment goals. Of these participants, three successfully completed the Program (with three more on track to graduate within the next few months).

Furthermore, over the course of this biennium, the CCJRP has been able to offer five “in-house” evidence-based and trauma informed programs, including: Nurturing Fathering, Path of Freedom, Exploring Trauma, Seeking Safety and Helping Men Recover. The CCJRP Men’s Group runs every Monday, from 9am to 11am (with a total of 74 groups facilitated within this reporting period). We additionally offer support groups between programs, including regular mindfulness-based group practice and weekly one-to-one support meetings with the Department’s Intervention Specialist. Participants also have access to the daily JRP group chat (gender specific), which includes: CCJRP alumni, CCJRP peer support, as well as community recovery mentors. Participants also meet weekly with the CCJRP Probation Officer. This ongoing, focused engagement continues to form the foundation for our Participants’ progress throughout their CCJRP Journey.

Victim Services Grant

To close out your 2023-25 JRP grant, please provide a short narrative update on what was done over the last biennium (can include successes, challenges, and opportunities for improvement) for each provider, separated by provider name.

SAFE

Safe over the year has had some set backs with staff changes and most recently the resignation of Shane Kennedy, Executive Director. We have focused on providing our core services. We have focused on our internal efficiencies and the staff's ability to work with system changes. Safe on an average serves 30-50 people monthly through community and court advocacy. We are still having challenges getting our prevention programming started.

Amani Center

Over the 2023–25 biennium, our organization significantly expanded its reach, strengthened partnerships, and enhanced service delivery for children and families across the region. During this period, we served 767 children and provided 21,115 individual services. We have delivered an additional 318 mental health services, increasing access to trauma-informed care for those who need it most.

Several challenges persisted across the biennium. Current facility constraints continue to restrict our ability to expand services, forcing staff and programs to operate across multiple spaces. The rural nature of Columbia County, and neighboring rural communities, creates ongoing barriers to accessing services

Competitive Grant (if applicable)

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We want to highlight the overall impact that we see JRP having, especially in an under-resourced rural county like ours. With nearly a decade of Justice Reinvestment implementation, the Columbia County JRP Program appears to be enhancing and supporting the County's overall recovery continuum. We are bearing witness to Program Graduates embracing the opportunities that arise through successfully changing their (justice involved) narratives within the community and helping to support others.

A persistent challenge during the reporting period has been maintaining consistent probation officer involvement within JRI. Over the course of just two years, the program has had five different probation officers assigned to this role. This level of turnover, while understandable given broader staffing pressures, has created disruptions in continuity, relationship-building, and institutional knowledge. Each transition requires time for new officers to become familiar with the program's philosophy, participant dynamics, and collaborative practices, which can temporarily slow momentum and dilute cohesion. Despite these challenges, the program has remained stable and effective, underscoring both its resilience and the importance of sustained staffing to fully realize long-term outcomes.

Evaluation Grant (if applicable)

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