



## Tillamook County Board of Commissioners

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Oregon Criminal Justice Commission  
885 Summer Street NE  
Salem, OR 97301

RE: Justice Reinvestment Grant Support Letter

Dear Criminal Justice Commission members,

The Tillamook County Board of Commissioners is supporting the proposed programs outlined in the Justice Reinvestment Grant application prepared by Tillamook County Community Corrections, a division of the Tillamook County Sheriff's Office.

Tillamook County is a rural coastal county with limited resources to address the needs and risks of correctional offenders. Supervising officers are limited to the programs they can refer offenders to and resources to assist with behavior change and skill building. Financial assistance provided by the Justice Reinvestment Grant could enable Tillamook County to increase resources in areas of substance abuse matters, behavioral health issues, housing issues, employment and educational limitations, and alternatives to in-custody sanctions. This will bolster existing programs and assist in correctional offender reformation and efforts to reduce recidivism as well as promote a safer community.

Tillamook County Board of Commissioners fully supports the efforts in securing funding for the new and existing programs utilizing the Justice Reinvestment Funds. It is recognized that these programs are a vital resource for Tillamook County.

Sincerely,

BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS FOR TILLAMOOK COUNTY, OREGON

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