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Board of County Commissioners  
Clackamas County

Members of the Board:

Approval to Apply for a Grant Award between National Institute of Justice and Clackamas County to Conduct Research and Evaluation of Reentry Initiatives.

<b>Purpose/Outcome</b>	Community Corrections would like to provide program fidelity analysis and training along with recidivism outcomes for the Transition Center and other programs as needed.
<b>Dollar Amount and Fiscal Impact</b>	Maximum amount of award is \$500,000.
<b>Funding Source</b>	National Institute of Justice
<b>Duration</b>	Up to 60 months
<b>Previous Board Action/Review</b>	No previous Board action.
<b>Strategic Plan Alignment</b>	Provide supervision, resources, intervention, and treatment services. Ensure Safe, Healthy and Secure Communities
<b>Contact Person</b>	Captain Malcolm McDonald, Director, Community Corrections – 503-655-8717

**BACKGROUND:** Community Corrections introduced the Transition Center as a resource center for justice-involved residents and other members of the public. The program is in its third year, and we would like to determine whether client needs are being met by staff and if program use is associated with lowered recidivism rates. To do this, we are applying for an evaluation grant that would allow us to fund research staff. They would analyze the current intake processes to determine clients' top needs and whether those needs are addressed. They will recommend training techniques to improve staff fidelity to the program goals. Two years after analysis and implementation of any needed training, we will measure new arrest rates and compare them to earlier phases of the program. This grant prioritizes analysis that will help increase public safety in the Qualified Opportunity Zones (QOZ) outlined in the Tax Cuts and Jobs Act on December 22, 2017. We will ask to be placed in this category as Clackamas County census tracts 41005022107, 41005022108, 41005022201, 41005022400, 41005022500, 41005024400 are QOZ, and we want to determine if the Transition Center is making a difference in recidivism in these areas.

**RECOMMENDATION:** Community Corrections respectfully requests that the Board of County Commissioners approve application of this Grant Award from National Institute of Justice to conduct research and evaluation of reentry initiatives.

Respectfully submitted,

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