

Draft Pretrial Plan Framework

This framework fulfills key components determined by the Local Public Safety Coordinating Council Pretrial Subcommittee during the December 2025 Pretrial Retreat and reflected in the February 2026 Pretrial Monitoring Options Report:

- Court reminders
- Electronic monitoring
- Pretrial monitoring
- Same-day warrants resolution
- Peer navigators
- Transition services

Shifted Framework

- The Multnomah County Circuit Court would have the responsibility for completing initial risk assessments for newly arrested individuals in custody and applying the Pretrial Release Guidelines to determine which individuals are released on their own recognizance, which individuals are released with special conditions of release, and which individuals remain held in custody pending their arraignment before a judge. These functions are currently conducted by the County's Department of Community Justice. The Courts would use the Oregon Pretrial Assessment Tool and e-Supervision program.
- This proposed model would expand the Court's Release Assistance Officer unit to 23 Release Assistance Officer positions, allowing 24/7 coverage of these functions at the critical point of booking into the jails. Additionally, this proposed model would continue court reminders through the Court and build-in behavioral reminders, in alignment with best practices.
- To support this new structure, the County would fund seven Court Release Assistance Officer positions at \$132K/year per position, or \$920,000 per year*. The Court would combine existing pretrial staff units and dedicate four additional staff positions to this new pretrial model.
- Release Assistance Officers would be able to collect essential information early, including attorney applications for public defense representation and information relevant to a release decision made by the judge for individuals held in custody until arraignment.
- The Court would have responsibility for lower-level pretrial monitoring and compliance reporting, including receiving and tracking required calls for defendants. This aligns Multnomah County with other Oregon jurisdictions and would allow the use of pretrial risk assessment and data collection tools developed for use in Oregon, providing for ongoing data collection and analysis of pretrial system effectiveness.
- The Court would take on the new pretrial responsibilities in early to mid-2027 with County commitment to provide funding for the cost of the seven Release Assistance Officer positions.
- With additional funding, the Court could also be responsible for the enhanced monitoring of individuals released with special conditions. Approximately 400 higher-risk individuals could be supervised by eight pretrial support specialists for an estimated \$1,440,000/year*, which includes \$300,000/year for electronic monitoring contracts and equipment and assumes \$180K/year per pretrial support specialist each monitoring a caseload of 50 people.

- This model would also facilitate improved data about individuals released to monitoring and would facilitate a step-down process to manage capacity if needed.

The approximate cost for the shifted framework is \$2,660,000 when fully operational.

Transition Hub Center and Additional Pretrial Services

The County would develop a Transition Hub Center that integrates the County, City of Portland, and community-based service providers under a unified coordination structure with shared accountability, data sharing, and cross provider daily communication will ensure seamless service delivery, located downtown. The Hub would provide a welcoming, trauma-informed environment where peer mentors, case managers, and housing coordination can immediately connect individuals to care.

The approximate cost for the Transition Hub Center and core services is \$800,000.

Additional services to improve court appearances would be provided by the County with interdepartmental coordination and cost estimates to be provided:

- Any additional needs assessments
- 2 victim/survivor navigators
- Other identified County services

Transition

- Services, monitoring and/or supervision until the new model is operational/IGA entered into in early/mid 2027.
- One-time only funds would need to be converted to ongoing funding.

Future Ongoing State Funding

Prioritized state funding would be pursued during the upcoming Legislative Session.

*The necessary funding would be established through the execution of an Intergovernmental Agreement (IGA) between the County and the Multnomah Circuit Court for ongoing funding.