

MULTNOMAH COUNTY

FY 2025 Budget Work Session Follow Up



HB 4002

May 9, 2024

Commissioner Brim-Edwards (District 3)

1. Please provide the expectations and decisions points for the Board in the HB 4002 process.

Response

A deflection program, as committed to by Multnomah County in the attached [letter](#), will adhere to the values of community justice, public safety and treating addiction as a health need. On September 1, 2024 when the law takes effect, the county is committed to having a program that creates a pathway to behavioral health services instead of jail, for those who interact with law enforcement and could be arrested for personal use possession.

The state funding for deflection comes from an IMPACTS Grant through the Criminal Justice Commission and HB 4002 requires the county or its designee to be the applicant, on behalf of all of the partners in the county. The partners are required to be at least: the district attorney, a law enforcement agency, a community mental health program and a provider from a Behavioral Health Resource Network.

In order to apply for the CJC funding, the application must include the following as a consensus from all required partners:

- Coordinate with above program partners
- Define who is eligible for the program and what qualifies as a successful outcome
- Be culturally and linguistically responsive, trauma-informed and evidence-based
- Have a plan for language access
- Be coordinated by CMHP or in coordination with the CMHP, and have a plan for ongoing communication between systems

Successful deflection requires participation and buy-in at every step of the process. The expectations for the Multnomah County Board are evolving as law enforcement and justice partners define their roles in deflection.

As we move forward, at minimum the board can expect to:

- Provide oversight through regular one on one updates, a Board briefing in Summer 2024, and regular communications
- Confirm that the program meets the values of the county and its goals for deflection, in Phase 1 and beyond
- Consider budget allocations and investments through budmod processes
- Monitor and provide oversight for the ongoing progress towards a 24/7 behavioral health drop off facility that provides sobering services