

## BJA Reimagining Justice Project

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**Amount/Grant Period:** \$2 million over three years

**Anticipated Project start date:** October 1, 2023

**Submittal deadline:** June 27, 2023

The Reimagining Justice Project is a collaboration of Multnomah County's Local Public Safety Council (LPSCC) and Multnomah County Commissioner Susheela Jayapal, elected officials, individuals, and community-based organizations committed to empowering residents to craft a neighborhood alternative to existing law enforcement models for low-level crimes. The resulting community-driven approach will improve community safety, facilitate access to needed services, and increase trust between residents, governments, and law enforcement. The project will also serve as an implementation pilot of LPSCC's Transforming Justice (TJ) project, a three year human-centered effort involving justice and health system leaders, elected officials, providers, victims of crime, and individuals with lived experience developing a long-term vision of a transformed public safety system. The TJ process identified 18 core strategies to achieve a fully transformed justice system, four of which are directly related to the work of the Reimagining Justice Project: Across everything we do, use human-centered, community-led design; Allocate funds to the community to create place-based solutions to public safety; Deploy interventions that reduce harm and use the criminal legal system in a more limited way, and; Prioritize community-building between law enforcement officers and the neighborhoods they patrol.

The project will begin with a one year planning period using a human-centered design approach to identify priorities and engage residents in crafting their own solutions to public safety issues they experience. As project leads, LPSCC and Commissioner Jayapal will provide support and technical assistance to residents as well as trusted community leaders and providers already serving the neighborhood. TA will be offered using internal resources or selected from a menu of local and national providers with expertise working with community groups on project-related issues (e.g. restorative justice, meeting facilitation, human-centered design techniques, outreach strategies, consensus-building, etc). The resulting plan and slate of services will be approved by residents and procured through the County's process, resulting in subawards to organizations poised to implement the plan. Given known systemic disparities, at least 40% of funds awarded will go to organizations serving communities of color positioned to provide services prioritized in the plan.

The Cully neighborhood has been identified for the planning process, based on neighborhood and political support, an analysis of crime rates/demographics, and existing efforts that complement the Reimagining Justice Project. MOU/LOS from residents, providers, and neighborhood leaders demonstrate their commitment to partner on the project and alignment with the goals and objectives outlined in the proposal. Further, LPSCC and Commissioner Jayapal are working with a nationally recognized evaluator, Social Impact, to design and implement an evaluation that will begin upon award and follow the project throughout the three year timeframe, creating and tracking performance measures, collecting and analyzing essential data for process improvements and to understand impact, as well as creating a replicable evidence-based model for similarly-situated neighborhoods to implement.