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Dear Partners:

We are writing to share the upsetting news that the U.S. Department of Justice has terminated the Reimagining Justice in Cully grant, effective March 3, 2026. The federal government said the project "no longer effectuates program goals or agency priorities." The project was originally awarded \$2 million, with approximately \$1.2 million spent to date.

The Reimagining Justice in Cully initiative is a collaborative pilot project led by Multnomah County's Local Public Safety Coordinating Council (LPSCC) and District 2 Commissioner Shannon Singleton's Office, in partnership with the Native American Youth and Family Center (NAYA), the City of Portland, community organizations, and neighborhood leaders.

The initiative, guided by a community leadership team, focused on community-driven approaches to improving safety in the Cully neighborhood and addressing low-level crime through coordinated services, community engagement, and evaluation of alternative safety strategies.

This news is especially disappointing because of the clear difference this project was making in the Cully community. We want to celebrate some of the achievements the project team accomplished through its passion and hard work:

- Comprehensive community engagement that involved two rounds of surveys, and specific focus groups for Business Owners, Habitat for Humanity, Portland Police, Multnomah County Sheriff's department, African American, people with low income, people living with disabilities, and Somali community members, along with engagement at the Cully Farmer's Market and Sunday Parkways.
- Identifying local "hot spots" to launch targeted projects, including youth-led murals, tree lighting installations, and neighborhood beautification.
- Supporting Cullyfest, school-based programs, and the distribution of resource boxes

- Hosting community-led training sessions, including legal clinics and "Know Your Rights" workshops, to provide residents with tools for safety and a clear understanding of who to call for help beyond 911.

We also want to mark the opportunities that we will not be able to realize. The termination of this grant will result in the early conclusion of community engagement efforts, some research and evaluation activities, and planned activities, including a Continuum of Safety training, a second legal clinic, and community forums.

Throughout the life of this project, community and relationship building has been at the forefront. We would like to thank the hundreds of people involved with the project. The federal administration's decision to terminate this funding does not reflect in any way how much Multnomah County values this work and your partnerships. We are still committed to the principles of the project and the vision for our community.

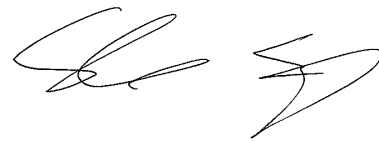
With gratitude,



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