

APPROPRIATIONS REQUEST FORM OREGON HOUSE DELEGATION FISCAL YEAR 2010

DEADLINE FOR SUBMISSION: FEBRUARY 20, 2009

PLEASE NOTE: As required by the House Appropriations Committee, all requests will be made public on the requesting Member's website.

1. Project Title:

Public Safety Records Management System project

2. Organization Name and address:

Marion County Sheriff's Office
Marion County, Oregon
P.O. Box 14500
Salem, Oregon 97309

3. Primary Contact name, phone number, mobile phone number, fax number and email:

4. Project Location Address (if different from Organization):

Same

5. Please describe the requesting organization's main activities, and whether it is a public, private non-profit, or private for-profit entity:

Marion County, and its Sheriff's Office, is a public agency, serving a population of 314,865. Marion County is Oregon's fifth largest populated county.

6. Briefly describe the activity or project for which funding is requested (please keep to 500 words or less.)

Marion County's Sheriffs Office (MCSO) seeks \$750,000 to replace its public safety records management system with one that more efficiently interfaces with other law enforcement agencies and government entities.

MCSOs public records system must manage and coordinate information for four important divisions: Enforcement (Patrol Services); Institutions (Jails and Work Centers); Parole and Probation (Community Corrections); and Operations (Criminal Records/Judicial Security/Crime Prevention/Civil Process). Each of these divisions must produce and share information within the county and with other federal, state and local government agencies. Its current 23-year-old system, which is unreliable and inefficient, cannot be upgraded due to vendor constraints. The purchase of new system hardware and software will allow the MCSO to achieve the following capabilities:

- Field-reporting so officers can immediately enter incident and case information and access existing information;
- Reporting real time data for determining trends and other important information for investigators;
- Timely communication of information to other community agencies, in particular the courts and District Attorneys Office;
- Inmate intake processing, initial and secondary inmate classifications, cell management, property and disciplinary accounting, tracking inmate movement and activity/incident tracking;
- Automated intake processes using the most current or up-to-date technology;
- Automated, annual Uniform Crime Reporting to the state government and the FBI Automated business processes with work-flow capability;
- Efficient entry and location of information; and,
- A flexible architectural platform that is easy to upgrade, expand and replace when new technology develops.

Marion County is one of Oregon's largest counties and the home of Salem, the state capital. Within the county are the State Capitol (offices of the Governor and Legislature), most state agencies and several state corrections institutions. Coordination between law enforcement and public safety agencies at all levels of government is critical. These agencies rely on the ability to process and communicate public safety data and information as quickly as possible. Having this ability enables the agencies to target proactive crime prevention strategies, respond to crime and to investigate criminal activity.

The total project cost is \$1,000,000. This new system will be designed to be interoperable with our government agencies and upgradable to meet technology advancements in records management.

7. Has this project received federal appropriations funding in past fiscal years?

No, this is the first year Marion County has submitted this project for federal funding.

7a. If yes, please provide fiscal year, Department, Account, and funding amount of any previous funding.

8. Federal agency and account from which funds are requested (Please be specific – e.g. Department of Housing and Urban Development, Economic Development Initiatives account):

Department of Justice, COPS Technology Grants

9. What is the purpose of the project? Why is it a valuable use of taxpayer funds? How will the project support efforts to improve the economy and create jobs in Oregon?

A national information technology priority is better integration and interoperability of communication and database systems between government agencies. Marion County, which houses Oregon's seat of government, has made this a top priority.

Having the ability to interface/communicate with other local, state and federal agencies increases the efficiency of all activities associated with the public safety system. This results in better use of taxpayer dollars in regard to time, materials and other resources.

Public Safety Records Management is complex, dynamic and multifaceted. There are multiple agencies involved in the exchange of public safety data including:

- Arresting law enforcement agencies;
- Jail facilities where suspects are held;
- The District Attorneys Office to determine if they will prosecute;
- The judicial system which will pass sentence and impose sanctions on the offender; and,
- Various other entities involved in the criminal justice system.

The county's crime prevention efforts would benefit from the ability to use real-time data to target proactive crime prevention events, activities and projects. Crime mapping would give visibility to current crime trends, allowing law enforcement to respond immediately to reduce crime in the areas of greatest need throughout the community.

Efficiencies gained with field-reporting and pre-booking would free up officer time for additional patrol, investigation and response to incidents. Officers will have the ability to access real-time information in the field, allowing the officer to remove potentially dangerous criminals from the community.

An efficient, reliable system would ensure accurate jail capacity monitoring, releasing the lowest risk offenders and retaining the highest risk offenders.

Marion County's current system is inadequate. It was purchased in 1986 and upgraded over time to reach its maximum capability. Occurrences of system

down times, data entry delays and informational request backlogs continue to be a problem for the agency. The unique system platform makes it costly and time consuming to create interfaces with other entities, including Immigration and Customs Enforcement, Law Enforcement Data System, FBI and COPLINK.

Criminal activity and jail capacity has increased since the system was purchased, However, the systems capacity and technological capabilities have not expanded with the growing needs of public safety agencies. Users must navigate through several data entry screens or sub-menus to get to their desired point in the application. The cumbersome data entry process causes delays and is more susceptible to errors. The systems limited capacity for automation contributes to delays in communicating information to external agencies.

The inability to complete incident and case reporting in the field (field-reporting) creates delays in processing and communicating public safety data and information. Officers in the field are providing information that must be re-keyed by the Records Unit staff. The duplication of effort is inefficient and not cost effective. Officers can be put at risk by not having the ability to access real-time information in the field.

The systems unique platform and the inability to take advantage of technological advancements illustrate the need to move forward with a new system that can meet the needs of the Sheriffs Office and other community agencies that rely on public safety data and information.

By having a system containing all of the aforementioned, MCSO can further enhance its ability to be a proactive law enforcement agency by predicting crime trends and responding to community needs, thus potentially lowering crime rates. In the long term, this project could improve the livability and encourage (or retain) businesses or companies to move (or remain) in the area. Even the slightest reduction of crime assists with the making of a better or stronger economy. It will ensure people continue working and living in a safe community right here in Oregon.

10. Have you requested funding for this project from other Members of Congress? If so, who?

Marion County is submitting a request to Sen. Ron Wyden and Sen. Jeff Merkley

11. Funding Details:

a. Total project cost (all funding sources and all years):

\$1,000,000

b. Amount being requested for this project in Fiscal Year 2010:

\$750,000

c. What other funding sources (local, regional, state) are contributing to this project or activity? (Please provide specific dollar amount or percentage.)

Marion County will provide \$250,000 to the total project cost

d. Do you expect to request federal funding in future years for this project?

This will be a one-year request if the total earmark request is achieved.

e. Breakdown/budget of the amount you are requesting for this project in FY 2010. (e.g. salary \$40,000; computer \$3,000):

- Records software - \$250,000
- Jail software - \$350,000
- Hardware - \$150,000
- Installation cost - \$100,000
- Software and Programming for Interfaces - \$100,000
- Training - \$50,000

f. Please list public or private organizations that have supported/endorsed this project:

Oregon State Police
Terry O'Connell, Director, Law Enforcement Data Division

Regional Automated Information Network (RAIN)
Vernon Wells, Acting Chair, RAIN Board of Directors

Circuit Court of Oregon, Third Judicial District
Hon. James Rhoades, Presiding Judge
Jim Murchinson, Trial Court Administrator

Marion County District Attorney's Office
Hon. Walt Beglau, District Attorney

g. Is this project scalable? (i.e. if partial funding is awarded, will the organization be able to use the funds in FY 2010?):

It is difficult to do this kind of project in segments or in multi-year phases. These systems, which serve the Sheriff's Office, corrections, DA's Office and courts must integrate, so it is best to tackle the entire project at one time.