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MEMORANDUM

DATE: July 26, 2022
TO: Linn County Board of Commissioners
FROM: Ryan Vogt, Executive Director
RE: OCWCOG Linn County Updates

Community and Economic Development Updates

Transportation

Albany Area Metropolitan Planning Organization (AAMPO)

- Hired Billy McGregor to serve as AAMPO's new Assistant Planner beginning July 18, 2022
- Continued progress on Regional Transportation Plan update

Cascades West Ride Line April 2022 – June 2022

Ride Line coordinated over 30,000 physical trips this quarter. A recent update, the Albany Comprehensive Treatment Center recently contracted with InterCommunity Health Network (IHN). Members from Linn County can now stay local versus going to Marion County for services. This has opened our availability in the mornings with approximately 30% fewer people going to Salem Comprehensive Treatment Center (formerly Willamette Valley Treatment Center).

	Trips (Sedan, Wheelchair, Secure, Stretchers)	Clients (Unique members)	Reimbursement (Mileage, Meals, Lodging)	Clients (Unique members)
Linn County	18,609	1,680	6,994	295
Regionally	31,977	3,000	10,910	522

Projects

Albany Transit Implementation Strategy

- The report is complete and Albany Transit System (ATS) staff are working to implement
- Albany needs to construct around 30 new bus stops before they can start the new service. These stops are all within City Right of Way.
- There are additional stops that will require easements from property owners or ODOT approval. These stops will be constructed after start of service.

- Albany's transit expansion project in the Linn County Statewide Transportation Improvement Fund (STIF) plan only specified operations funds, which can't be used to construct bus stops. Albany is working with Linn County on potential sources of funding for bus stop construction.

Mobility Hub Design

- LBCC's design is 30% complete. To bring the hub designs to 100%, the work is going to be more expensive than originally planned, due to both LBCC and OSU selecting custom structures.
- Consultants are finalizing a more robust cost estimate for LBCC to review, then a decision will be made to either continue with the current concept or seek a redesign with a cheaper construction cost. If LBCC decides on a new design, the redesign cost will be added to the project cost. OCWCOG staff are working with Linn and Benton County on potential sources of funding to complete the project. If additional funding isn't obtained, the project will end at 60% design, and an additional design phase will need to be included in future grant requests.

Seamless Transit Experience

- Swiftly presented new features available for agencies to better communicate with customers in May. In July, agencies will meet for the annual business review of Swiftly services.
- Staff updated Linn Shuttle brochures.

Cascades West Transportation Options

- May bike month challenge was held with 35 participants who logged 684 trips, traveling over 1,850 miles and saving over 1,500 lbs. of CO2. 15 participants received safety-related prizes.
- Donation and sponsorship requests were sent out to area businesses to provide prizes for the annual Get There Challenge in October. Received commitments for gift cards/certificates from:
 - Rogue Ales & Spirits
 - Oregon Coast Aquarium
 - Tallman Brewing
 - Rio Theatre
 - Deluxe Brewing

Linn, Benton, Lincoln County Human Services Coordinated Plan Update

- Four individual and focus group interviews were conducted with stakeholders across the region.
- One advisory committee meeting was held along with a follow up for members unable to attend.
- Special Transportation Fund (STF) Coordinators for each county provided updates on previous plan goals.
- Provider survey was drafted and distributed in early July.
- A rough draft of updated demographics and existing conditions is in review.

Cascades West Training Center

- 19 non-emergent/public transit drivers were trained in Passenger Assistance, Safety, and Sensitivity between April and June
- 13 non-emergent medical transportation/transit drivers trained in Defensive Driving between April and June, and 25 Foster Grandparents/Senior Companions were certified in Defensive Driving in two classes held in Albany and one class held in at the Newport Health Education Center.

- 14 non-emergent medical transportation/transit drivers were certified in Adult First Aid and CPR between March and June

Planning

Cascades West Economic Development District (CWEDD)

- Continued convening Childcare Working Group for Linn, Benton, & Lincoln Counties. Developed GIS maps showing a 3,773 slot deficit for childcare in Linn County. (See attached map).
- Received \$86,045 Rural Capacity Fund. Began work with 12 Linn/Benton rural cities to identify projects and supply grant writing if applicable.
- Moved the EDA Broadband Grant to OCWCOG to administer. This grant now serves Linn, Benton, and Lincoln Counties. RFP out for \$269,000 three-county broadband feasibility study.

Land Use & Planning Projects

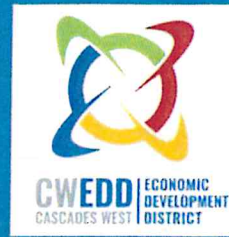
- The Cascade West Regional Consortium continues to work with ECONorthwest and the consulting team on the Wetland Mitigation Bank Feasibility Study. The study will be finalized by September 2022.

Lending

Cascade West Business Lending

- Sandra Easdale left her position as Senior Loan Officer with OCWCOG and we are now working with her on contract through Lane Council of Governments.
- Funded one loan in Linn County:
 - \$100,000 RLF CARES loan to a motorcycle service and retail shop in Albany.
- Continued to work on marketing and outreach projects.

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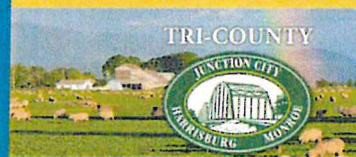
REAL BRANDING & WEBSITE



LEBANON CITY APP



TRI-CITY BUSINESS EXPO

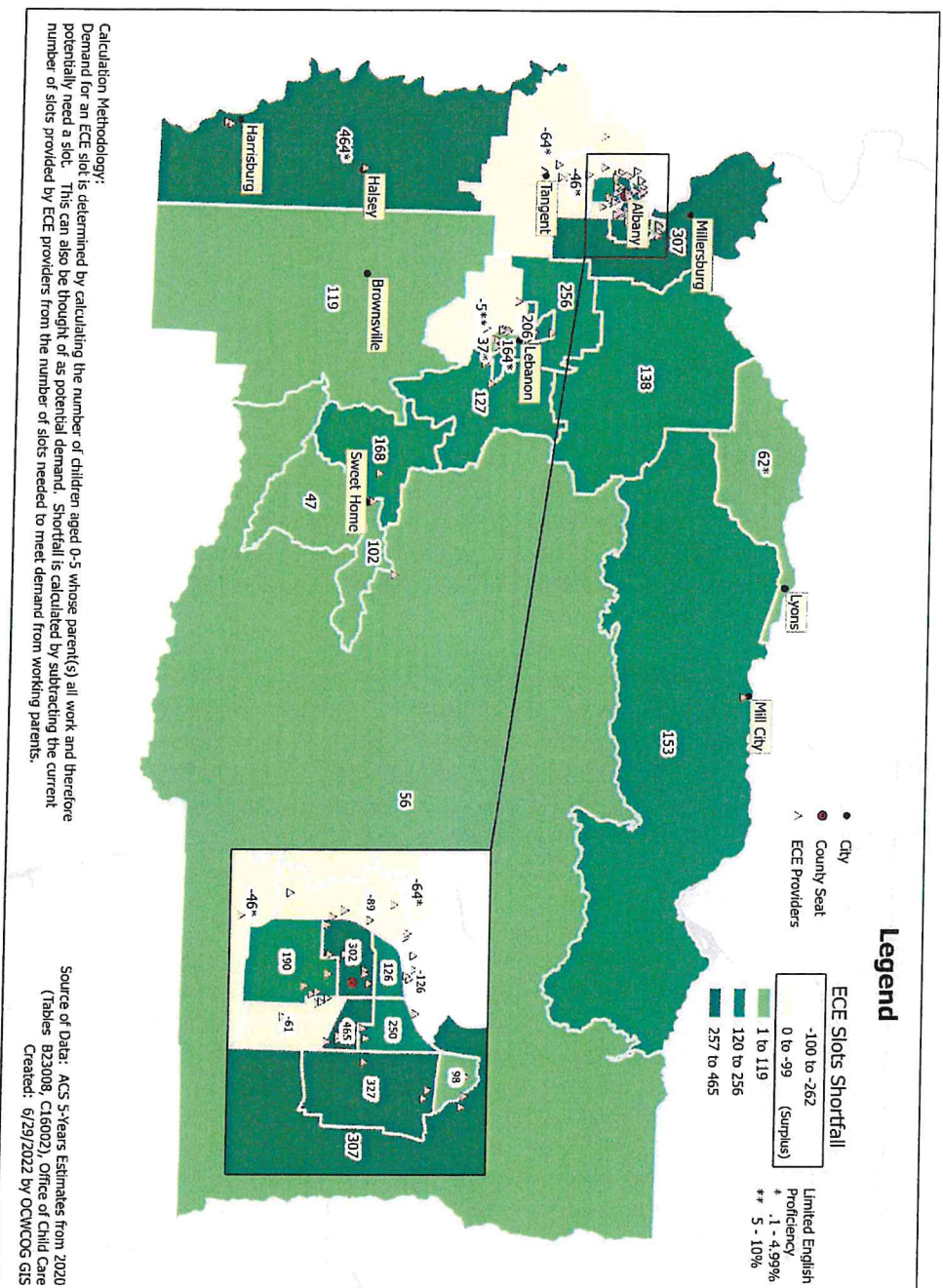


Linn County CARES Projects

Rural Economic Alliance (REAL) Branding & Website	\$10,000
Sweet Home Streetscape	\$10,000
Harrisburg Tri-City Business Expo	\$5,000
Lebanon Art Walk	\$4,000
Lebanon City App	\$2,500

CARES FUNDED

Linn County Early Childcare Education Slots Shortfall for Children Aged 0 to 5



According to the Oregon Employment Department in February 2022, the number one reason why workers have been unable to return to the workforce is

lack of access to childcare.

Access to stable, high-quality early childcare education helps working parents improve their labor productivity by increasing work hours, missing fewer work days and pursuing further education. High-quality child care and education that enables mothers to enter the labor market pays for itself through increases in family income.

Linn County is facing a challenge to increase access to early childcare education (ECE) placements for children aged 0 to 5 and decrease the estimated shortfall.

5,301 Slots Needed for Working Parents
-1,528 Slots Available From Providers
3,773 Shortfall

This map shows the shortfall of ECE slots across Linn County within individual 2020 Census tracts. If the number shown within the Census Tract is negative, that indicates a surplus of slots available for the number of children aged 0 to 5 living in that Census tract. The percentage of limited English proficiency in households within the Census tract indicates areas which might benefit from additional, culturally-specific ECE placements.



Senior, Disability and Community Services Updates

Adult Protective Services

Current APS Numbers

Total APS Complaints from January – June 2022: 944

- Community Investigations: 249
- Facility Investigations: 152
- Community Non-Abuse: 442
- Facility Non-Abuse: 101

APS Assists in Financial Damage Case

Adult Protective Services Lead Community Investigator Madalyn Stone provided support to a community APS investigator by making initial contact with an alleged victim in Linn County for a financial exploitation investigation on April 8, 2022. When Madalyn met with the victim, it became clear that this victim deeply believed the perpetrator and they were not able to understand that it was in fact a scam. At this time, the victim refused to engage in an interview with Madalyn. Madalyn briefed the assigned APS investigator on the initial contact and provided feedback on how to move forward with the case.

At the end of May 2022, a new report of concern for this victim was called into APS which resulted in a Welfare Check being requested by the APS screening team. A deputy with Linn County Sheriff's Office contacted the victim on May 31, 2022. The victim was again resistant to sharing any information about their experience and appeared to the deputy to be unable to understand they were involved in a financial scam. The deputy was able to secure enough information from the victim to determine the victim believed they were working with the government in some capacity. The LCSO deputy did a great write up of his contact with the victim. His report was routed to Madalyn by the LCSO records department on June 20, 2022.

After reading the LCSO report, and reviewing the case history for the victim, Madalyn requested to have the case reassigned to her to allow her to pull together a response team to meet with the victim in hopes of "breaking the spell" the scammer had on the victim. Madalyn reached out to LCSO to start the process of setting a date for a joint response to meet with the victim.

Through the course of working on other scam cases, Madalyn had communicated with an FBI Special Agent regarding these types of cases. Madalyn contacted this FBI Special Agent and asked if they would be willing to take part in the joint response with APS and LCSO. The FBI Special Agent agreed to do so. On July 15, 2022, APS, LSCO, and the FBI Special Agent, as well as the victim's adult children, met with the victim at their home in hopes of "breaking the spell" the scammers had on the victim. Through these efforts, the victim was able to fully understand the scope of the scam they had unfortunately been involved in. Madalyn and the rest of the team members created a safety plan to support the victim not only from being revictimized but also with processing the trauma associated with this event. The total financial damage is estimated to be over \$300,000.

Community Services Programs

Senior Health Insurance Benefit Assistance (SHIBA)

SHIBA is wrapping up the fiscal year, looking ahead to FY23 metrics, and continuing to provide Medicare beneficiaries accurate, understandable, and educational counseling in Linn County. Due to ever-changing healthcare laws and provider regulations, finding the right Medicare plan is often confusing. This is concerning for a population where uninformed decisions regarding premiums costs, various Advantage options, or missed Medicare Open Enrollment deadlines can lead to hefty penalties. A state-certified SHIBA counselor helps mitigate these issues, review plans on a yearly basis, and help protect those with limited incomes in Linn County. Linn County counselors serve at OCWCOG's Albany office, the Lebanon Senior Center, the Sweet Home Elks Lodge, and are also available remotely via phone or Zoom.

From April 1 – June 30, 2022, a total of 84 Linn County residents received free 1:1 Medicare Counseling:

- 14 in North Albany
- 24 in Albany
- 2 in Brownsville
- 19 in Lebanon
- 1 in Lyons
- 3 in Scio
- 17 in Sweet Home
- 2 in Tangent
- 2 in Harrisburg

Senior Companion Program

OCWCOG's Senior Companion Program recruits and trains AmeriCorps volunteers to care for their local, homebound neighbor. Volunteers can assist with light housework, provide companionship, and transport clients to medical, social and nutrition-based errands and appointments.

Thanks to a Community Development Block Grant from the City of Albany, from March 1 – May 2022:

- Seven volunteers drove thirteen unique City of Albany clients for a total of 503 one-way trips. Trips included medical appointments, grocery runs, Rx pick up, and general errands.
- All clients were screened in-house from Senior and Disability Services; not eligible for Ride Line services, clients were referred as needing a volunteer 3-4 hours a week to help them age in place safely.

A June 2022 year-end qualitative survey reported that 95% of Senior Companion client responses agreed that the assigned National Service volunteer helped them feel less lonely while 100% agreed that, thanks to the volunteer, they were able to get to their medical appointments.



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REPORT TO COMMISSIONERS

Update for June 2022

Submitted by Torri Lynn; Juvenile Department Director

Detention

Benton: 7 youth were held for 67 total of days of care, 2 females and 5 males.

Total Admissions to Detention = 7

Average Length of Stay = 9.57 days

Average Daily Population = 2.23 youth

Linn: 20 youth were held for 148 total of days of care, 4 females and 16 males.

Total Admissions to Detention = 22

Average Length of Stay = 6.73 days

Average Daily Population = 4.93 youth

Lincoln 2 youth were held for 37 total days of care, 0 females and 2 males

Total Admissions to Detention = 2

Average Length of Stay = 18.50 days

Average Daily Population = 1.23 youth

Time for Change Program: 1 – Linn County

Probation

The Juvenile Department received 48 referrals during the month of June 2022.

Of the 48 referrals, 16 represent dependency, 14 status and 18 criminal.

There are currently 177 youth in the Probation Unit either on probation or pending court with 48 of those being assessed high-risk.

There are currently 54 youth under the Community Programs Unit serving on informal probation and the Intervention Specialist is currently serving 46 youth. 42 of those youth are from the community with no involvement with law enforcement.

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Victim Advocate is serving .

Cases Unassigned:

OYA Cases:

Work Crew

Tier 1 – 6 youth completed 85.75 hours of community service in 9 project days. In 2021 10 youth completed 194.75 hours of service during the same time period.

Tier 2 – 21 youth completed 584.50 hours of work crew in 24 project days. In 2021 16 youth completed 301.00 hours of service during the same time period.

Miscellaneous Business -

Project LEAP – a two year agreement with the Oregon Social Learning Center to provide training and support for probation officers to learn Parent Activation Training.

Summer Intervention Program underway -

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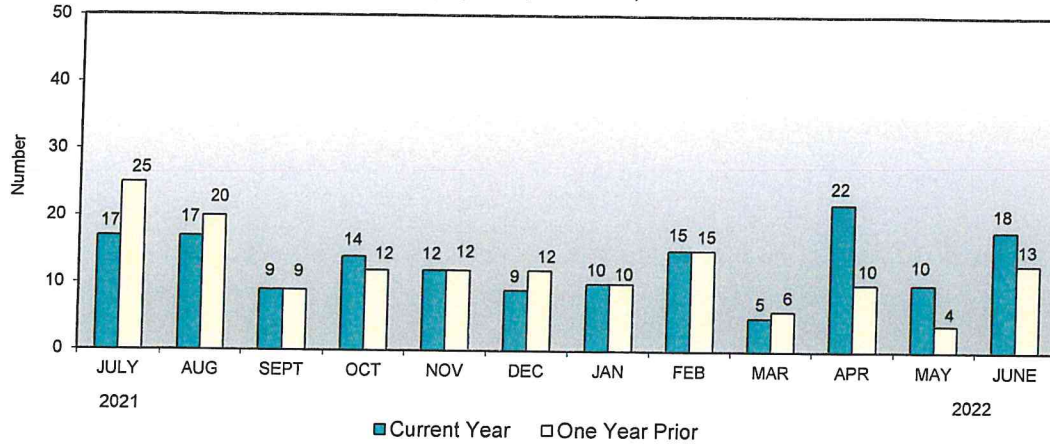
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**Linn County Juvenile Department
JUNE 2022 Statistics**

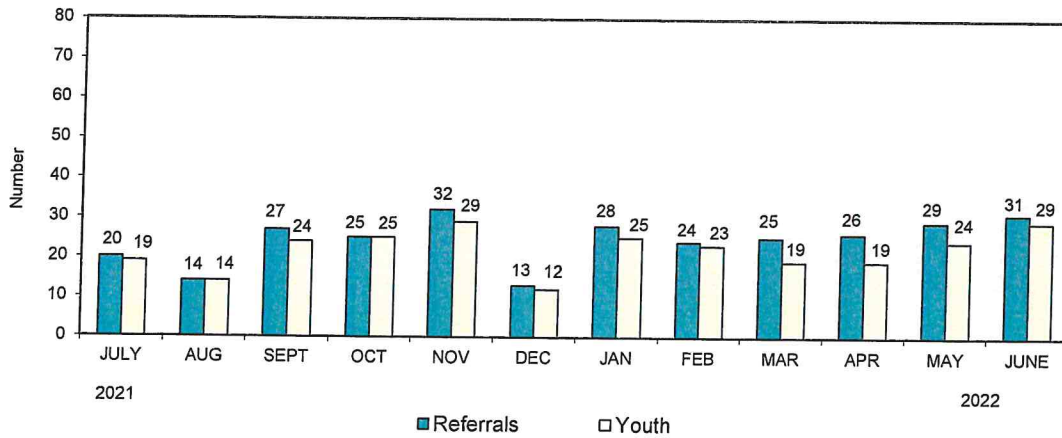
Juvenile Petitions Filed
(Dependency not included)



PETITIONS

Current	158
Last	148
Difference	10

Referrals within a 12 month period
Dependency/Probation Violations not included



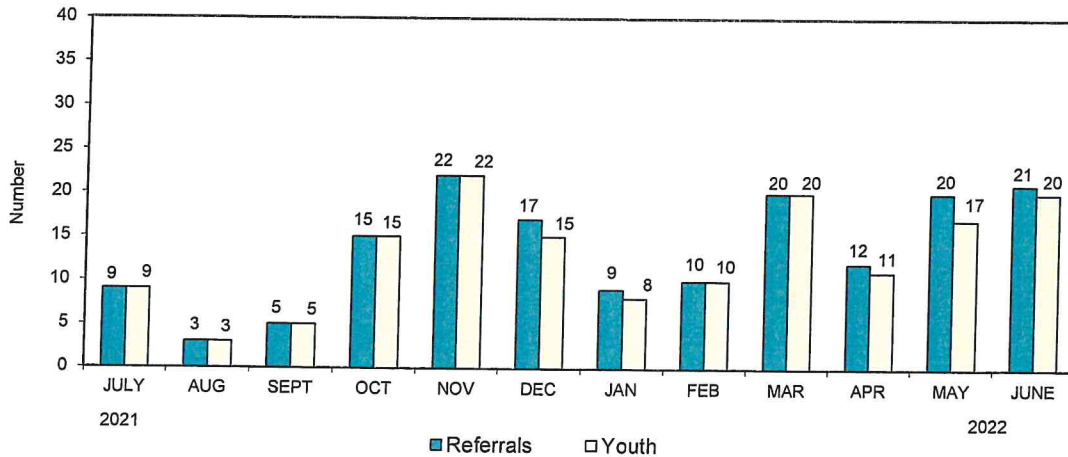
REFERRALS

Current	294
Last	281
Difference	13

YOUTH

Current	262
Last	252
Difference	10

Total Criminal Referrals within a 12 month period



**CRIMINAL
REFERRALS**

Current	163
Last	161
Difference	2

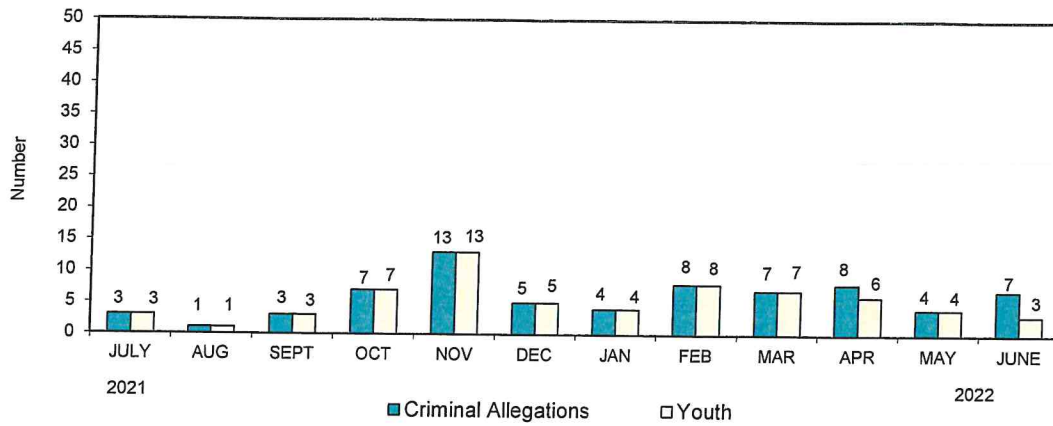
YOUTH

Current	155
Last	140
Difference	15

**Linn County Juvenile Department
JUNE 2022 Statistics**

Note: Person, Property & Drug Crimes are at the ALLEGATION level.

Person to Person Crimes within a 12 month period



CRIMES

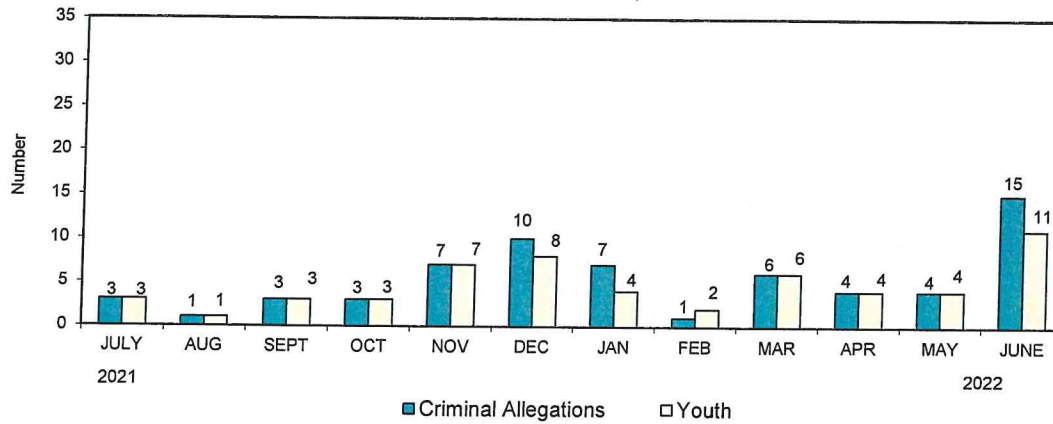
Current	70
Last	81
Difference	-11

YOUTH

Current	64
Last	68
Difference	-4

Property Crimes within a 12 month period

(Allegation Level)



CRIMES

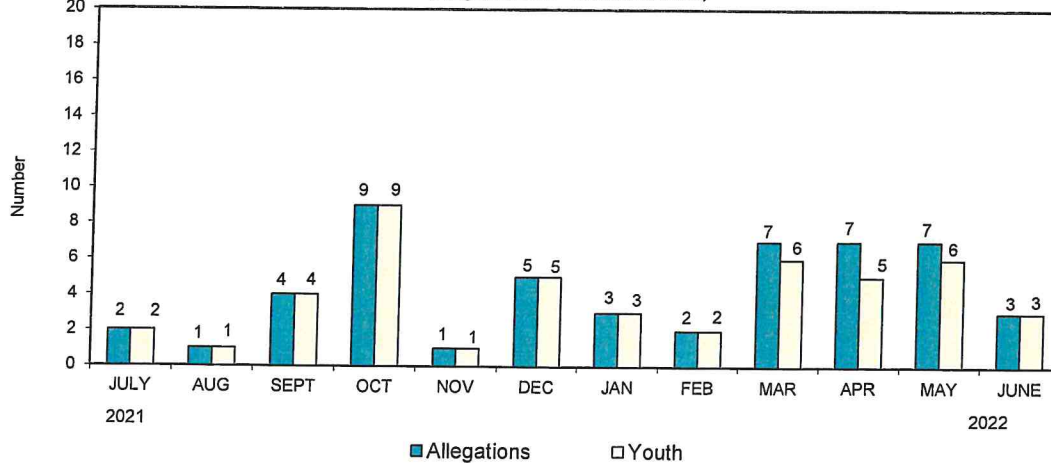
Current	64
Last	44
Difference	20

YOUTH

Current	56
Last	42
Difference	14

Drug and Alcohol Offenses within a 12 month period

(Allegation Level - Includes Tobacco)



CRIMES

Current	51
Last	65
Difference	-14

YOUTH

Current	47
Last	63
Difference	-16



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MEMORANDUM

To: Board of Commissioners

From: Ric Lentz – Linn County Emergency Manager

Date: 07/26/2022

Re: Resolution & Order No. 2022-283

The following item is scheduled to be heard on 07/26/2022:

Resolution & Order 2022-283: The Emergency Management Performance Grant (EMPG) has historically funded the Emergency Management Program at the Linn County Sheriff's Office. A supplemental grant was awarded to Linn County dedicated to Recovery and Mitigation efforts from the 2020 wildfire season. This supplemental grant was used to hire an Emergency Management Recovery Coordinator. The official grant agreement is attached and requires the Board to sign to receive the funding.

Financial Impact: The Supplemental EMPG funds approximately 50% of the employee costs and will run until September 2023.



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TO: Board of Commissioners
FROM: Gene Karandy, Linn County Attorney
DATE: July 12, 2022
RE: Ordinance 2022-253

The following item is scheduled to be read and heard on July 12, 2022 and July 26, 2022.

Ordinance 2022-253: At its June 21, 2022 meeting the Board of Commissioners directed staff to prepare an ordinance for referral to the voters of Linn County to disallow Psilocybin manufacturing and the operation of Psilocybin service centers in the unincorporated area of Linn County. Measure 109 (2020) allows the manufacture of Psilocybin and the operation of Psilocybin service centers in the State of Oregon. Measure 109 was approved by voters statewide, but the voters of Linn County voted against the Measure. Measure 109 provides that a county may adopt ordinances that prohibit the establishment of State licensed Psilocybin product manufacturers and service center operators in the unincorporated area of the county subject to the jurisdiction of the county, with a requirement that the ordinance be referred to the electors of the county at the next statewide general election.

If adopted by the Board and approved by the voters of Linn County at the November 8, 2022 General Election, this Ordinance would prohibit Psilocybin product manufacturers that hold a license issued under ORS 475A.290 and Psilocybin service center operators that hold a license issued under ORS 475A.305 in the unincorporated area of Linn County. This ordinance would have no effect within the incorporated cities of Linn County.

Financial Impact: Possible loss to Linn County of tax revenue from Psilocybin operators.

Staff Recommendation: NA



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TO: Board of Commissioners
FROM: Gene Karandy, Linn County Attorney
DATE: July 26, 2022
RE: Resolution & Order No. 2022-254

The following item is scheduled to be heard on July 26, 2022.

Resolution & Order 2022-254: This Resolution and Order orders that a referral election be held at the next General Election on November 8, 2022 and approves a ballot title and the filing of SEL 805 (Request for Ballot Title Publication of Notice), for referral to the voters of the question of whether to prohibit Psilocybin manufacturers and service center operators in Linn County (Linn County Ordinance No. 2022-253).

Financial Impact: NA

Staff Recommendation: Approve

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To: Board of Commissioners

From: Linn County Treasurer/Budget Officer

Date: July 26th, 2022

Re: **Order # 2022-287**

Order #2022-287 is a request from Diana Denham as they received an additional 302,000 in start-up costs for launching the Crisis Mobile response program with the roll-out of the 988 mental health emergency helpline.

Financial Impact. There is no financial impact.