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**NOTICE OF PROPOSED RULEMAKING**  
INCLUDING STATEMENT OF NEED & FISCAL IMPACT

CHAPTER 137  
DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE

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FILING CAPTION: Guidelines for a one-time grant program for children's advocacy centers.

LAST DAY AND TIME TO OFFER COMMENT TO AGENCY: 05/21/2024 5:00 PM

*The Agency requests public comment on whether other options should be considered for achieving the rule's substantive goals while reducing negative economic impact of the rule on business.*

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HEARING(S)

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DATE: 05/16/2024

TIME: 10:30 AM - 11:30 AM

OFFICER: Valerie Smith

REMOTE HEARING DETAILS

MEETING URL: [Click here to join the meeting](#)

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NEED FOR THE RULE(S)

SB 1579 requires administrative rules be created to govern the grant program.

DOCUMENTS RELIED UPON, AND WHERE THEY ARE AVAILABLE

SB 1579

STATEMENT IDENTIFYING HOW ADOPTION OF RULE(S) WILL AFFECT RACIAL EQUITY IN THIS STATE

All rules with the Dept of Justice, Crime Victim and Survivor Services Division, are created to be racially equitable and accessible to all.

FISCAL AND ECONOMIC IMPACT:

The required administrative activities necessitate hiring of a limited duration PA3. This position will be funded with funds allocated through SB 1579.

COST OF COMPLIANCE:

(1) Identify any state agencies, units of local government, and members of the public likely to be economically affected by the rule(s). (2) Effect on Small Businesses: (a) Estimate the number and type of small businesses subject to the rule(s); (b) Describe the expected reporting, recordkeeping and administrative activities and cost required to comply with the rule(s); (c) Estimate the cost of professional services, equipment supplies, labor and increased administration required to comply with the rule(s).

The administrative activities required to comply with this rule include development of a grant Request for Application, grant application, grant review process and funding distribution process, as well as ongoing grant monitoring. These required administrative activities necessitate hiring of a limited duration PA3.

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DESCRIBE HOW SMALL BUSINESSES WERE INVOLVED IN THE DEVELOPMENT OF THESE RULE(S):

Small businesses were not involved as they are not impacted by these rules.

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WAS AN ADMINISTRATIVE RULE ADVISORY COMMITTEE CONSULTED? NO IF NOT, WHY NOT?

CVSSD administers hundreds of grants every year and did not require an advisory committee to develop these guidelines. CVSSD legal counsel reviewed and approved all rule language.

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RULES PROPOSED:

137-074-0010, 137-074-0020, 137-074-0030, 137-074-0040, 137-074-0050

ADOPT: 137-074-0010

RULE SUMMARY: These rules set out guidelines for the operation of a one-time grant program established by Section 4(4) of SB 1579 (2024) to expand access to services and supports provided by children's advocacy centers and regional children's advocacy centers.

CHANGES TO RULE:

137-074-0010

Purpose

These rules set out guidelines for the operation of a one-time grant program established by Section 4(4) of SB 1579 (2024) to expand access to services and supports provided by children's advocacy centers and regional children's advocacy centers.

Statutory/Other Authority: SB 1579

Statutes/Other Implemented: SB 1579

ADOPT: 137-074-0020

RULE SUMMARY: These rules set out guidelines for the operation of a one-time grant program established by Section 4(4) of SB 1579 (2024) to expand access to services and supports provided by children's advocacy centers and regional children's advocacy centers.

CHANGES TO RULE:

137-074-0020

Definitions

(1) "Children's advocacy center" means a facility that meets the facility standards consistent with national accreditation standards established by National Children's Alliance to which a child from the community may be referred to receive a thorough child abuse assessment, for the purpose of determining whether the child has been abused or neglected, and that facilitates a coordinated, comprehensive and multidisciplinary response to cases of child abuse.¶

(2) "Regional children's advocacy center" means a facility operated by a children's advocacy center that meets the facility standards consistent with national accreditation standards established by National Children's Alliance and is selected by the Child Abuse Multidisciplinary Intervention Program to provide training and complex case assistance, including one or more of the following:¶

(a) Consultation;¶

(b) Education;¶

(c) Referral;¶

(d) Technical assistance; and¶

(e) If authorized by the Department of Justice, other services as needed.

Statutory/Other Authority: SB 1579

Statutes/Other Implemented: SB 1579

ADOPT: 137-074-0030

RULE SUMMARY: These rules set out guidelines for the operation of a one-time grant program established by Section 4(4) of SB 1579 (2024) to expand access to services and supports provided by children's advocacy centers and regional children's advocacy centers.

CHANGES TO RULE:

137-074-0030

Grant Application Process

(1) Eligibility criteria:¶

(a) Children's Advocacy Centers must apply directly for the grant. Applicants must certify that on or before June 30, 2025, the applicant will be accredited by the National Children's Alliance or will have an application for accreditation with the National Children's Alliance pending.¶

(b) A health care provider or a medical facility may apply for a grant to expand medical assessment services, intervention services and any other services and supports not inconsistent with the purposes of ORS 418.746 to 418.796, if:¶

(A) The health care provider or medical facility is connected through a linkage agreement or contract with a children's advocacy center; and¶

(B) The children's advocacy center satisfies the accreditation requirements described in paragraph 1(a) of this subsection.¶

(2) Applicants must demonstrate in the grant application how the grant award would:¶

(a) Allow for initial consultation with a designated medical professional, as defined in ORS 419B.023, within 48 hours in accordance with Karly's Law; and ¶

(b) Improve response times for intervention following incidents of child abuse and the prevention of child fatalities.¶

(3) Applicants may use the grants:¶

(a) To expand access to designated medical professionals, as described in ORS 418.747(9); and¶

(b) For costs associated with obtaining accreditation from the National Children's Alliance, including application fees and support staff expenses.¶

(4) Content of application packet. Each application packet issued shall describe:¶

(a) The total funds available for award;¶

(b) The maximum amount for individual awards;¶

(c) Instructions specifying the requirements for a successful application;¶

(d) The last date by which applications must be submitted and/or received by DOJ;¶

(e) The manner in which the application must be submitted;¶

(f) All necessary application forms and materials;¶

(g) All other information required for application preparation and submission;¶

(h) A description of the application review process, including review criteria;¶

(i) A description of grant reporting requirements; and¶

(j) A description of the grievance process for unsuccessful applicants.

Statutory/Other Authority: SB 1579

Statutes/Other Implemented: SB 1579

ADOPT: 137-074-0040

RULE SUMMARY: These rules set out guidelines for the operation of a one-time grant program established by Section 4(4) of SB 1579 (2024) to expand access to services and supports provided by children's advocacy centers and regional children's advocacy centers.

CHANGES TO RULE:

137-074-0040

Process for Determining Award Amounts

(1) The Department may consider the following when determining the amounts of grants awarded:¶

(a) The applicant's capability to expand access to or maintain a children's advocacy center in an underserved community;¶

(b) The applicant's capability to expand access of a children's advocacy center to a geographic area of this state with no children's advocacy centers;¶

(c) The likelihood that the applicant, if awarded a grant, will expand access to children's advocacy center services and supports to children from historically marginalized and underserved communities;¶

(d) If awarded a grant, the ability of the existing or proposed children's advocacy center to provide behavioral and mental health services for victims of child abuse;¶

(e) The applicant's capability to provide services to drug endangered children; and¶

(f) The applicant's capability to provide services to children who have been trafficked.¶

(2) The total amount distributed to a given children's advocacy center under this grant may not exceed \$300,000, calculated based on the total of:¶

(a) Amounts distributed to the children's advocacy center under Section 4(3)(a) of Senate Bill 1579 (2024); and¶

(b) Amounts awarded to the children's advocacy center under this rule, including the amounts of any grants awarded as permitted in this rule to a health care provider or medical facility that is connected with the children's advocacy center.¶

(3) Upon approval of the application, and following the grant award, the Department will enter into a Grant Agreement with the Grantee. The Department will disburse funds in accordance with the Grant Agreement.¶

(4) The Department shall award and distribute all of the amounts available for grants under this one-time grant no later than June 30, 2025.¶

(5) The Department is responsible for monitoring these funds for the duration of the grant award period.

Statutory/Other Authority: SB 1579

Statutes/Other Implemented: SB 1579

ADOPT: 137-074-0050

RULE SUMMARY: These rules set out guidelines for the operation of a one-time grant program established by Section 4(4) of SB 1579 (2024) to expand access to services and supports provided by children's advocacy centers and regional children's advocacy centers.

CHANGES TO RULE:

137-074-0050

Reallocation of Funds Not Applied For or Used

(1) One-time grant funds that were not allocated due to an Applicant's failure to request its allocated funds, or an Applicant's failure to submit a complete application, or failure to enter into a Grant Agreement, may be distributed to other eligible applicants as a supplemental award.¶

(2) This reallocation of funds will occur no later than June 30, 2025.

Statutory/Other Authority: SB 1579

Statutes/Other Implemented: SB 1579