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Subject: Solicitation of Research Proposals for SB 1503 Task Force

Eric,

I'm not sure if you followed [SB 1503](#) last session. The bill established the Task Force on Community Safety and Firearm Suicide Prevention, which is in the process of being formed and should be up and running soon. The bill allocates funding for the task force to pay a third party to assist the task force with research.

Can you help me get the following message to your university's procurement offices and offices that do this type of research? I'm unsure how to help find their contact information. Please either let me know the contacts so I can reach out directly or forward this email along and copy me, so I can track it and they can have my information.

Here's the solicitation:

To whom it may concern at Portland State University,

You are receiving this email because you or your institution appear to either have access to scientific resources or are currently engaged in research regarding Firearm Safety and Prevention. I represent the Task for on Community Safety and Firearm Suicide Prevention, which was established by Senate Bill 1503. You can view the bill at [this link](#). With this email, we are soliciting proposals from your institution for research assistance. The deadline to submit proposals to me at kimberly.mccullough@doj.oregon.gov is September 7, 2024. Below I provide you with specifics regarding this request for research proposals.

The state has allocated up to \$250,000 in funding for the task force to pay a respected and knowledgeable third party to assist the task force with scientific research. The task force is charged with studying the following issues related to public health best practices for reducing deaths from community safety threats and for suicide prevention:

- (a) How to better support youth experiencing suicidal ideation.
- (b) How to better support rural Oregonians experiencing suicidal ideation.
- (c) How to reduce stigma on suicidal ideation.
- (d) Barriers to suicide prevention support.
- (e) Current community safety protocol across this state, including at hospitals and behavioral health facilities, and recommendations for improvement of the protocol.
- (f) Locations and events most targeted in community safety threats.

(g) Rates of success for extreme risk protection orders and barriers to implementation and capacity for police stations or other entities to implement voluntary surrender or holding of firearms.

(h) Barriers to implementing best practices for community safety and suicide prevention.

(i) How domestic violence is a risk factor for community safety threats and suicide.

(j) Risks to first responders.

If a program/team at your institution is interested in submitting a proposal to conduct this research, please reply by September 7, 2024 with a written proposal (no longer than 4 pages, 12 point font):

- Describing the program/team that would be conducting the research, including any information about the program; names, experience-levels, and qualifications of the specific team you intend to use; your team's experience in this area, and samples of your team's past studies or work.
- Describing the research you propose to conduct to assist the task force with its study. Your proposal should explain how you plan to conduct your research and the deliverables you will provide to the task force, along with a proposed timeline/schedule for your research.
- You do not need to submit an exhaustively detailed budget, but please provide a basic budget describing how you plan to use the funds available for your research. You may propose a budget up to the maximum of \$250,000.

A few important notes:

- Much of what the task force is studying has already been studied or is currently being studied by other groups. We are hoping not to recreate the wheel where resources are already available. So, a significant portion of the research work here is likely to involve gathering information about studies that have already been conducted and from other experts in the field, rather than conducting new studies.
- The task force has a substantive report due to the legislature on September 15, 2025, so it will likely be most useful to the task force to have research assistance beginning this fall and running through fall of next year. We are envisioning that it may work best for this to be an iterative process, with research being presented to the task force in portions at the task force's regular meetings, and the task force providing input on what additional research would be helpful. We expect those meetings to occur once a month, meeting between 1.5 to 2 hours each meeting. To allow the task force to have sufficient time for its discussions, it will likely make sense for research presentations to last no longer than 30-45 minutes for each meeting.
- If you submit a written proposal by September 7, 2024, you will also be given an opportunity to present your proposal to the task force. The task force meetings have not been scheduled yet, but we anticipate this will happen at the second monthly meeting of the task force. You will have 10 minutes for your presentation and may use a PowerPoint if you wish.

Please feel free to reach out if you have any questions.

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