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STATEMENT FROM OREGON JUSTICE RESOURCE CENTER ON THE ANNOUNCEMENT
THAT MULTNOMAH COUNTY WILL RECEIVE A TWO-MILLION-DOLLAR GRANT TO
ADDRESS RACIAL AND ETHNIC DISPARITIES IN THE JUSTICE SYSTEM.

"We applaud the leadership of Multnomah County for pursuing and securing the two-million-dollar-grant from the MacArthur Foundation that will allow the County to address this important issue. The grant represents a significant opportunity for the County to finally address the disparate treatment of people of color in our justice system. That race and ethnicity are a clear predictor of the outcome an individual entering the system can expect goes against the fairness and equal treatment for all that county residents should expect from their justice system. Providing alternatives to jail as the County is proposing with the creation of the new shelter will help justice-involved women and their families avoid the lasting damage incarceration can do while giving them a chance to rehabilitate themselves in a way that doesn't compromise public safety."

To be attributed to Julia Yoshimoto, Project Director and Attorney, Women's Justice Project, Oregon Justice Resource Center.

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