

# Oregon Officer Reward Fund

## Application for Reward Funds

Date of Request: \_\_\_\_\_ \*Reward Amount Requested: \$ \_\_\_\_\_

Injured/Deceased Officer: \_\_\_\_\_ Title: \_\_\_\_\_

Date of Incident: \_\_\_\_\_ County of Incident: \_\_\_\_\_

Primary Investigating Agency: \_\_\_\_\_ Agency Case #: \_\_\_\_\_

\*Specify reward amount in \$500 increments up to \$25,000. Minimum request is \$500, maximum request is \$25,000.

Summary of Incident: *(include reason and justification for reward amount if request exceeds \$10,000)*

The applicant certifies the following to be true and accurate: *(Applicant to initial each)*.

- \_\_\_ 1. The injured/killed officer is an Oregon public safety officer *(as defined on page 2)*.
- \_\_\_ 2. The injury or death occurred in the line of duty.
- \_\_\_ 3. The injury or death was the result of a criminal act by another.
- \_\_\_ 4. The person or persons suspected of the criminal act are not in custody.
- \_\_\_ 5. The suspect(s) are unknown or there is a reasonable belief known suspect(s) have fled or are hiding avoid capture.
- \_\_\_ 6. The applicant is the District Attorney or head of the investigating agency *(or designee)*.

Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Title: \_\_\_\_\_ Agency: \_\_\_\_\_

Signature: \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_

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*OORF only:*

By vote of the Board of Trustees, the OORF:

OORF # \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_ Approves the reward request in the amount of \$ \_\_\_\_\_.

\_\_\_\_ Denies the request. Reason:

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Board Member Signature(s): \_\_\_\_\_ Date:

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## **Purpose:**

The Oregon Officer Reward Fund (OORF) was established to make privately held reward funds immediately available in the event an Oregon public safety officer is seriously injured or killed in the line of duty and the perpetrator is unknown, has fled or is otherwise evading capture. The funds will be used exclusively for payment of cash rewards for information or lawful assistance provided to law enforcement that leads directly to the capture by law enforcement of person(s) wanted in the crime.

## **Application Criteria:**

- 1) The person seriously injured or killed must be an active Oregon public safety officer, specified as a peace officer, reserve officer or federal officer as defined in ORS 133.005; an Oregon parole and probation officer, a district attorney investigator, corrections officer, youth corrections officer or telecommunicator as those terms are defined in ORS 181.610; or an Oregon elected district attorney or duly appointed deputy district attorney.
- 2) The injury must be life-threatening or significantly impair the ability of the injured public safety officer to return to full duty in a reasonable period of time.
- 3) The injury or death must be in the line of duty while performing a legitimate law enforcement or public safety function.
- 4) The injury or death must be the result of a criminal act by another individual or individuals.
- 5) The person or persons suspected of committing the crime must not be in custody at the time of application for reward funds is made.
- 6) The suspect or suspects are unknown or reasonable cause exists to believe known suspect(s) have fled or are hiding to avoid capture.
- 7) Application must be made by either the county District Attorney (or designee) with jurisdiction over the crime or the head (or designee) of the primary law enforcement agency investigating the crime.
- 8) Funds from the OORF shall not be provided or used for payment to entice persons to provide sworn testimony.
- 9) The OORF may seek additional information from the applicant prior to deciding to approve or deny the request.

## **Application process:**

- 1) The appropriate District Attorney or the head of the primary law enforcement agency (or their designee) investigating the crime must submit a completed and signed application to the Oregon Officer Reward Fund (OORF).
- 2) Application forms may be submitted to the OORF in person or by any electronic method.
- 3) The application must include the amount of reward funds requested. The minimum reward is \$500 and the maximum is \$25,000. The OORF reserves the right to establish guidelines on standard reward amounts to effectively manage the reward fund.
- 4) The OORF reserves the right to approve, deny or adjust the reward amount requested in the application. At no time shall a reward amount exceed funds actually available to the OORF at the time of the request.
- 5) Acceptance or denial of an application requires a majority vote of the OORF.
- 6) Once the application is accepted, the reward funds will be immediately available for use in the investigation. The OORF shall retain control of all funds until payment is made.
- 7) Once an application is accepted, the reward amount may be increased or decreased at the request of the District Attorney or primary law enforcement agency as warranted by the needs of the investigation. The OORF may, at its discretion, increase or decrease the approved reward amount upon such request.

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