

May 2023 Bond Measure



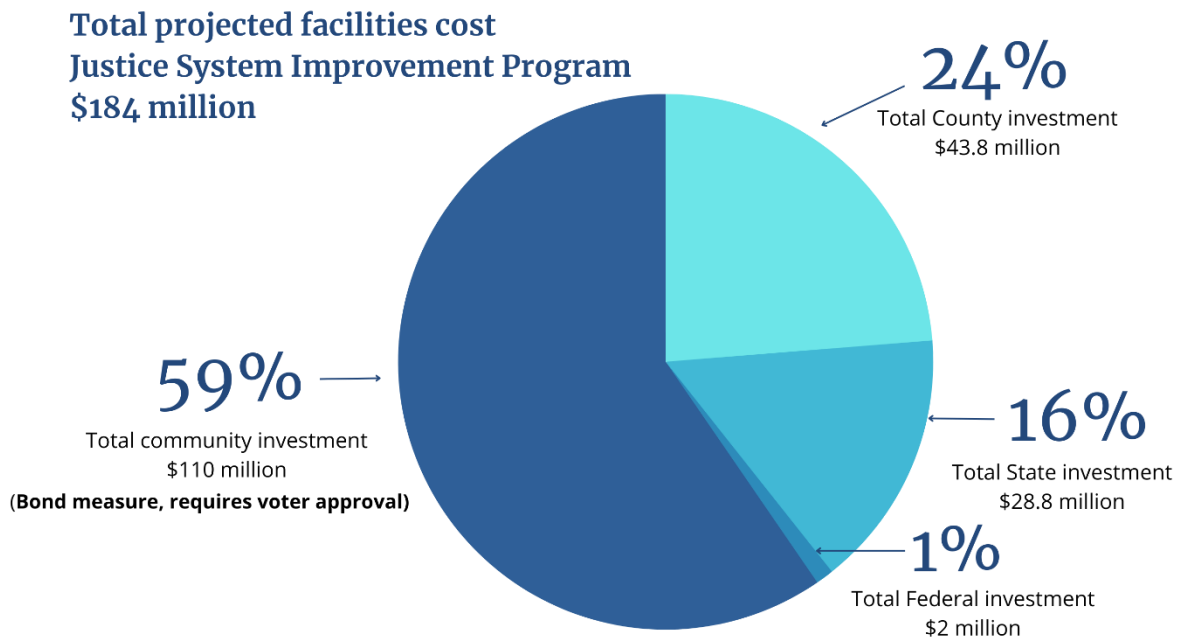
What's included in the bond measure?

The bond would make investments in community safety, mental health, and homelessness services facilities. Funds would support design and construction of a Sheriff's Office, emergency operations center, enhancements to facilities providing youth mental health services through the Children and Family Program, and development of a new correctional facility with dedicated areas to provide mental health and substance abuse treatment. It would also dedicate funds for a homelessness services navigation center envisioned in partnership with the Corvallis Daytime Drop-in Center.

Justice Facilities Improvement Program cost overview

Facilities included in the bond measure are part of the County's Justice System Improvement Program (JSIP). Phase I of the program is fully funded and includes the new downtown Crisis Center funded through state and federal grants and the new courthouse and District Attorney's office. Those facilities will be funded with County borrowing and a 50% state matching grant for the courthouse. Phase II facilities would require voter-approved bond funding.

[View the total project costs for all Justice System Improvement Program facilities](#)



How much would the bond measure cost taxpayers?

If the bond passes, this measure would result in an estimated bond levy rate of \$0.55 per \$1,000 of assessed property value. The cost would be an estimated \$142 per year for a Benton County home with an average tax-assessed value of \$258,596. If the bond does not pass, the facilities would not be built, and taxes would not increase.

THE TOTAL COST OF THE BOND IS \$110 MILLION AND INCLUDES THE FOLLOWING

- Correctional Facility on the Community Safety & Justice Campus (replace existing jail) \$64.3 M
- Sheriff's Office and emergency operations center on the Community Safety & Justice Campus \$40.4 M
- Expanded youth mental health services facility located in Sunset Park facility \$1.5 M
- Investment in new homelessness services navigation center \$3 M
- Bond issuance costs \$0.8 M

About the bond development process

The Board of Commissioners led a bond development process that included a [comprehensive assessment of the justice system](#) completed in 2019, a series of public engagement meetings and presentations, and two public forums in 2022 outlining potential improvements. On January 3, 2023, the board voted to place a \$110 million bond measure on the May 2023 ballot.

[View the January 3 meeting packet \(starting on page 43\)](#)

[View the January 3 meeting minutes \(starting on page 4\)](#)