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Judicial Council of California  
Criminal Justice Services  
Attn: Barbara Whiteoak, Executive Secretary  
455 Golden Gate Avenue, 8th Floor  
San Francisco, CA 94102-3688

RE: Superior Court of El Dorado County Pre-Trial Program Grant Application

Dear Sir or Madam:

We are pleased to provide this joint letter of support for the El Dorado County Superior Court's proposal in response to the Recidivism Reduction Fund Court Grant Program. The proposed project establishing a Conditional Supervised Release Program for release of low risk offenders, will further advance each of our agencies' visions to incorporate the use of pretrial risk assessment tools and needs assessments tools in providing information to the court for making release decisions on an offender's suitability for release and the level of supervision, monitoring and services to be provided. The proposed program aligns with the goals of the Recidivism Reduction Fund Court Grant Program to reduce offender recidivism and enhance public safety. The project includes the expanded use of validated risk and needs assessments and other evidence-based practices and specifically addresses the needs of mentally ill and drug addicted offenders in our area.

The El Dorado County Probation Department, Public Defender, and Health and Human Services Agency have a substantive commitment to advancing the goals of this project. The program promotes rehabilitation at the earliest possible point in criminal proceedings in an effort to reduce recidivism and to promote health, wellness and safety.

We support this initiative and look forward to its implementation.

Sincerely,

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