

Priority: Safety
Program Offer Type: Existing Operating
Related Programs:
Frameworks:

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Executive Summary

Adult Field Services misdemeanor supervision monitors 1,300 probationers who committed person to person crimes. Most of these offenders have violent (including domestic violence), DUII and sex-offending histories. Probation supervision works: nearly 75% do not re-offend within three years of their offense.

Program Description

Misdemeanor probation supervision protects the public by supervising offender behavior in the community and punishing violations of probation conditions. The offender changes his behavior through planning his life, attending treatment and learning new non-criminal skills. While these offenders were convicted of misdemeanors, they represent a serious risk to the community. Of the 1,300 misdemeanor probationers: 509 are domestic violence (DV) offenders, 47 are Driving Under the Influence (DUII) offenders, 52 are sex offenders, 38 are mentally ill offenders and 6 are gang offenders. DV and DUII offenders are supervised in specialized units. All of the other misdemeanor offenders are a local responsibility.

Program Justification

This program protects the public by using evidence-based practices to hold misdemeanor offenders accountable and reduce their re-offenses. Misdemeanor supervision is consistent with a "streams of offenders" model. Probation officers (POs) monitor the compliance of high and medium risk offenders with their supervision conditions, and apply proportional consequences (including jail or revocation) when necessary to help ensure community safety. POs require offenders to receive treatment and other behavior-change services that reduce drug and alcohol abuse and change antisocial attitudes and actions. Research shows that this balanced approach between supervision, sanctions and behavior-change services reduces re-offending, while incarceration alone actually increases re-offending (Andrews, 1994). State corrections data indicates that probation supervision works: nearly 75% of Multnomah County misdemeanor probationers do not re-offend within three years of their offense.

Performance Measures

* For 2006, 75% of misdemeanor cases will not commit new crimes.

Summary of last year's program results and this year's expected results

* Adult Field Services experienced an overall 25.1% probation re-arrest rate.

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Program Mandate: 2 Mandated Program with Funding/Service Level Choice

Although the supervision of misdemeanor cases is not funded by the state, functions are authorized under ORS 137 and 144, and OARs 291-065-0005 through 0007.

Revenue/Expense Detail

	Proposed General Fund	Proposed Other Funds	Proposed General Fund	Proposed Other Funds
	2005	2005	2006	2006
Program Expenses				
Personnel	\$1,922,458	\$0	\$1,734,686	\$0
Contracts	\$93,996	\$0	\$100,996	\$0
Materials & Supplies	\$101,563	\$0	\$96,774	\$0
Internal Services	\$57,194	\$0	\$60,702	\$0
Subtotal: Direct Exps:	\$2,175,211	\$0	\$1,993,158	\$0
Administration	\$0	\$0	\$98,211	\$0
Program Support	\$0	\$0	\$313,168	\$56,557
Subtotal: Other Exps:	\$0	\$0	\$411,379	\$56,557
Total GF/non-GF:	\$2,175,211	\$0	\$2,404,537	\$56,557
Program Total:	\$2,175,211		\$2,461,094	
Program FTE	0.00	0.00	23.50	0.00
Program Revenues				
Other / Miscellaneous	\$0	\$0	\$650,000	\$0
Program Revenue for Admin	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
Total Revenue:	\$0	\$0	\$650,000	\$0

Explanation of Revenues

This program is partially supported by ITAX funds \$417,237. \$650,000 in criminal fees assessed by the state contribute to the general fund per ORS 137.308 & 137.309.

Significant Program Changes

In FY 2006, we will be implementing an offender violence initiative that will enable us to improve our ability to identify offenders at the onset of supervision that have a propensity for violent behavior, and to subsequently manage them accordingly. Expected outcomes include a reduction in the number of victims of violent crimes perpetrated by offenders on supervision.