

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

Lead Agency: Community Justice
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Executive Summary

The adult Community Service Program (CS) works with 1,399 formally supervised offenders annually to assist with their court mandated obligations to perform community work. Offenders work in parks, assist non-profit agencies and community clean up projects resulting in 26,585 hours annually of unpaid community service.

Program Description

Community Service provides the courts and Parole and Probation Officers (POs) with a cost effective method to hold offenders accountable and allow them pay back their obligation to the community through unpaid work. Judges sentence offenders to community service as a condition of probation and POs can order offenders to complete community service as a consequence of a probation violation. 108 non-profit community organizations use offenders for non-paid work and CS sends work crews to parks to perform routine maintenance. This is a much less costly consequence than jail beds for appropriate offenders.

Program Justification

CS contributes to safety by providing the courts and the POs with a productive and low cost alternative to jail while allowing offenders the chance to give back to the community. 26,585 hours were performed in the community last year (\$199,397 worth of labor). 129,826 hours were ordered saving the equivalent of 8,114 jail bed days or \$892,255 in annual jail costs. By using CS as a sanction over jail, more jail space is available for more dangerous criminals while the livability of the community is increased through offender volunteer services. This is in line with the "Streams of Offenders" model. Offenders are being held accountable.

Performance Measures

This program will measure:

- * 26,585 hours of community service will be delivered annually.
- * \$199,000 of unpaid offender services will be contributed to the community through CS annually.

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

CS coordinated completion of community service hours for 1,399 formal probation cases in 2004. 26,585 hours were completed. If jail beds had been used in lieu of these hours, 8,114 jail bed days would be used at an annual cost of \$892,255 (\$110 per jail day). \$303,900 worth of labor was contributed to the community via the Community Service Program.

In 2006, this program is expected to coordinate 1,400 cases with a contribution of 26,600 non-paid offender hours.

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

ORS 423.478 requires that "counties, in partnership with the department (of Corrections), shall assume responsibility for community-based supervision, sanctions and services for offenders convicted of felonies who are:(a) On parole; (b) On probation; (c) On post-prison supervision." Counties may opt-out of community supervision, but only if state funding falls below baseline; currently it does not.

Revenue/Expense Detail

	Proposed General Fund	Proposed Other Funds	Proposed General Fund	Proposed Other Funds
Program Expenses	2005	2005	2006	2006
Personnel	\$0	\$435,185	\$29,665	\$504,483
Materials & Supplies	\$0	\$21,906	\$875	\$21,456
Internal Services	\$0	\$82,015	\$719	\$109,280
Subtotal: Direct Exps:	\$0	\$539,106	\$31,259	\$635,219
Administration	\$0	\$0	\$33,659	\$0
Program Support	\$0	\$0	\$141,123	\$19,631
Subtotal: Other Exps:	\$0	\$0	\$174,782	\$19,631
Total GF/non-GF:	\$0	\$539,106	\$206,041	\$654,850
Program Total:	\$539,106		\$860,891	
Program FTE	0.00	0.00	0.50	7.00
Program Revenues				
Indirect for dep't Admin	\$19,609	\$0	\$24,141	\$0
Fees, Permits & Charges	\$0	\$3,000	\$0	\$3,000
Intergovernmental	\$0	\$536,106	\$0	\$632,219
Program Revenue for Admin	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
Total Revenue:	\$19,609	\$539,106	\$24,141	\$635,219

Explanation of Revenues

\$91,960 from the City of Portland, Parks Bureau. Offender work crews maintain Portland parks and are coordinated and supervised by CS.

\$40,000 from the City of Portland, Water Bureau. Offender work crews maintain Water Bureau sites and coordinated and supervised by CS.

\$3,000 Alternative Community Service fees.

\$500,259 from State Department of Corrections. DOC funding will most likely be reduced for the new biennium.

Significant Program Changes

DOC funding will most likely be reduced for the new biennium.