

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

Lead Agency: Community Justice
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Executive Summary

This program offer includes the costs of the River Rock outpatient program. River Rock (RR) is a 60-bed residential Alcohol/Drug treatment program annually serving 120-180 high-risk adult males. The six months of community programming involves outpatient treatment, transitional housing and support services. "Aftercare and transition services ... are essential components of an effective treatment program" (Taxman and Spinner, 1997).

Program Description

This program offer is interconnected with RR's residential component and covers the cost associated with the mentorship program and on-going outpatient alcohol and drug treatment in the community. RR is located at the Martha Washington Residence and shares space with MCSO Work Release Program. RR is a 12-month program that includes six months of residential alcohol/drug treatment and six months of community outpatient treatment, transitional housing, and support services. During the six months of community outpatient treatment, residents are connected with mentors, housing, employment, on-going services and access to community self help.

Program Justification

Recent research shows that punishment is unlikely to change criminal behavior, but alcohol and drug treatment that also addresses criminal behavior can reduce the commission of new crimes (Latessa 1991). In Multnomah County, 64% of those booked into jail test positive for one drug and 25% for multiple drugs (ADAM 2000). Research demonstrates that intervention services that address both criminal thinking and chemical dependency reduce arrests of program participants (Rhyne, 2004). Intensive treatment, i.e. a six–twelve month residential program, is most cost effective for high-severity cases (Griffith, 1999). Programs that address the reduction of both chemical dependency and criminal behavior are critical to the safety of our communities. RR holds offenders accountable, and assures fair and equitable treatment. "Aftercare and transition services ... are essential components of an effective treatment program" (Taxman and Spinner, 1997).

Performance Measures

- * RR is collecting a baseline this year of the percentage of offenders released from RR who remain arrest-free one year from treatment termination.
- * The percentage of offenders who evidence a decrease in criminal thinking as measured by pre- and post-treatment change scores in the Criminal Sentiments Scale.

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

* RR opened in October 2003 and outcome data are not yet available. RR has served 223 clients in the residential portion. 60% successfully graduated from the residential portion and engaged in relapse prevention/support services within the community. * RR will serve 140 offenders in 2006.

Program Mandate: 1 Mandated Program & Funding Level

The River Rock treatment program is funded with ITAX dollars.

Revenue/Expense Detail

	Proposed General Fund	Proposed Other Funds	Proposed General Fund	Proposed Other Funds
Program Expenses	2005	2005	2006	2006
Contracts	\$0	\$0	\$300,000	\$0
Internal Services	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
Subtotal: Direct Exps:	\$0	\$0	\$300,000	\$0
Administration	\$0	\$0	\$15,093	\$0
Program Support	\$0	\$0	\$33,227	\$8,834
Subtotal: Other Exps:	\$0	\$0	\$48,320	\$8,834
Total GF/non-GF:	\$0	\$0	\$348,320	\$8,834
Program Total:	\$0		\$357,154	
Program FTE	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
Program Revenues				
Program Revenue for Admin	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
Total Revenue:	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0

Explanation of Revenues

This program offer is funded by ITAX.

Significant Program Changes