

<b>Priority:</b>	Safety	<b>Lead Agency:</b>	Community Justice
<b>Program Offer Type:</b>	Existing Operating	<b>Program Contact:</b>	Thach Nguyen
<b>Related Programs:</b>	50023, 50030, 50042, 50045, 50055, 50057, 50058		
<b>Frameworks:</b>	School Aged Policy Framework, Early Childhood Framework, Poverty Framework		

### **Executive Summary**

Gang violence is rising in Multnomah County: shots fired increased 25% last year. GRIT supervises 120 high risk youth offenders (males ages 12 to 18 years) who are in gangs or at-risk of joining one. GRIT's goals are to reduce juvenile crime and keep disproportionate numbers of minority youth from going to a youth correctional facility. Fifty-eight percent (58%) of these highest risk youth do not commit a new crime within 12 months of their GRIT admission.

### **Program Description**

GRIT provides probation supervision to high-risk, gang involved delinquents using strategies that are tailored to each youth's problems, risks and cultural influences. Since public safety requires strong community relations, GRIT probation officers work closely with and in the community to prevent gang crimes. Along with holding gang youth accountable through supervision and sanctions, GRIT probation officers arrange a wide range of treatment interventions (e.g., mental health and drug abuse treatment) to address antisocial behavior and problems that fuel a youth's criminal activity and gang membership. Data show that these interventions are effective (see Results). GRIT youth have case plans that sets out enforceable obligations to victims and the community. GRIT partners with police to gather intelligence on gangs and conducts joint missions in the community to disrupt gang activity.

### **Program Justification**

Gang activity is a major safety problem in the county and gang violence is increasing and spreading. GRIT contributes to safety in ways that are closely aligned to core safety principles and strategies. By focusing on the highest risk youth, GRIT is consistent with a streams of offender approach. GRIT uses evidence-based strategies that hold youth gang offenders responsible for their actions, reduces re-offending and prevents them from entering the adult system. By doing so, GRIT helps reduce the disproportionate incarceration of minority youth (last year, the OYA commitment rate of minority youth was actually 2% lower than for Anglo youth.) GRIT is also a collaborative program that works closely with police and community groups.

### **Performance Measures**

80% of youth assigned to GRIT probation unit will not commit another new offense while on the GRIT caseload; 67% of youth assigned to GRIT will not commit another new offense within 12 months of their initial offense; The rates OYA commitment rates for minority and Anglo youth will not vary significantly.

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

Data show that 58% of GRIT youth do not commit a new offense within 12 months of their admission to GRIT. For GRIT youth who have received intervention services, data are even stronger: 75% were in school or working at case closure; 68% did not re-offend within six months; and 90% were not sent to an OYA facility within 12 months. Next year, 65% of GRIT youth will not re-offend and the OYA commitment rate between minority and Anglo youth will not vary significantly.

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

ORS 419C.001 mandates that "The [juvenile] system shall provide a continuum of services that emphasize prevention of further criminal activity by the use of early and certain sanctions, reformation and rehabilitation programs and swift and decisive intervention in delinquent behavior." As a result, counties must provide probation supervision to delinquent youth, but are not required to have specialized supervision units.

**Revenue/Expense Detail**

	Proposed General Fund	Proposed Other Funds	Proposed General Fund	Proposed Other Funds
<b>Program Expenses</b>	2005	2005	2006	2006
Personnel	\$63,838	\$119,144	\$190,842	\$347,865
Contracts	\$0	\$279,635	\$0	\$219,000
Materials & Supplies	\$0	\$0	\$4,150	\$4,217
Internal Services	\$1,162	\$42,275	\$10,391	\$51,320
Subtotal: Direct Exps:	<b>\$65,000</b>	<b>\$441,054</b>	<b>\$205,383</b>	<b>\$622,402</b>
Administration	\$0	\$0	\$46,947	\$6,976
Program Support	\$0	\$0	\$137,635	\$693
Subtotal: Other Exps:	<b>\$0</b>	<b>\$0</b>	<b>\$184,582</b>	<b>\$7,669</b>
Total GF/non-GF:	<b>\$65,000</b>	<b>\$441,054</b>	<b>\$389,965</b>	<b>\$630,071</b>
Program Total:	<b>\$506,054</b>		<b>\$1,020,036</b>	
Program FTE	0.00	0.00	2.44	4.56
<b>Program Revenues</b>				
Indirect for dep't Admin	\$17,107	\$0	\$26,213	\$0
Intergovernmental	\$0	\$808,261	\$0	\$622,402
Program Revenue for Admin	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
<b>Total Revenue:</b>	<b>\$17,107</b>	<b>\$808,261</b>	<b>\$26,213</b>	<b>\$622,402</b>

**Explanation of Revenues**

This program funding includes State Oregon Youth Authority Gang Transition Services funding \$318,037; State OYA Diversion \$146,581; and federal Juvenile Accountability Block Grant \$157,784.

**Significant Program Changes**

Proposed reductions in Gang Transition Services funding may require increased general fund support to maintain current service level.