

Program # 50045 - Juvenile Accountability Programs

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Priority:	Safety	Lead Agency:	Community Justice
Program Offer Type:	Existing Operating	Program Contact:	Thanh Dang
Related Programs:	50030, 50038, 50040, 50041, 50042, 50043, 50044		
Frameworks:	School Aged Policy Framework, Early Childhood Framework		

Executive Summary

The Accountability Program uses community service and life skills counseling to sanction high and medium risk juvenile offenders, provide restitution to victims and change delinquent behavior. The program is an essential part of the juvenile system: judges order most juvenile offenders (over 890 each year) into this program and it offsets costlier detentions.

Program Description

The program ensures that juvenile offenders complete court mandated community work and pay victim restitution as a condition of their probation. It also provides highly structured and closely supervised group activities that address issues that contribute to delinquency. These activities include: educational assessment, job readiness, conflict resolution, life skills, and victim impact sessions that help youth develop empathy so they can understand what they have done. Activities are held during evening and weekend hours when high/medium risk youth are at the greatest risk of committing a crime or violating probation.

Program Justification

The Accountability program is closely aligned with county safety strategies because it holds youth responsible for their actions by imposing appropriate consequences. It also uses evidence-based services and sanctions that are tailored to the risk each youth poses and builds skills that help change the youth's behavior to prevent re-offending. The Accountability program also keeps the juvenile justice system functioning effectively and cost-efficiently. It is a primary sentencing option for judges: they cannot hold juvenile offenders accountable without the sanctions managed by the Accountability program (such as community service, restitution and court fines). It is also an alternative to the more costly option of detention (\$215 a day), and ensures that detention is used for the most risky and out-of-control youth. Finally, the program is consistent with the county's core principle of fair and equitable treatment of victims and offenders. The program helps youth restore victims by earning money to repay restitution and contribute to the community by maintaining parks and other locations. It also provides a key detention alternative that helps reduce minority over-incarceration.

Performance Measures

6,500 hours of community service will be performed. \$90,000 dollars in restitution will be paid.

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

In 2004, the juvenile Accountability Program served 892 youths, collected approximately \$90,000 in restitution payments to victims and completed 6,467 community service hours (an economic value of \$45,972). Next year, the program expects to match the completion of community hours and restitution payments of the past year.

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

ORS 419C.001 requires "The [juvenile] system shall provide a continuum of services that emphasize prevention of further criminal activity by the use of early and certain sanctions . . ." See also ORS 419C.462 Community Service; 419C.465 Service to Victim; 419C.470 Opportunities to Fulfill Obligations Imposed by the Court; 419C.450 Restitution.

Revenue/Expense Detail

	Proposed General Fund	Proposed Other Funds	Proposed General Fund	Proposed Other Funds
Program Expenses	2005	2005	2006	2006
Personnel	\$568,805	\$0	\$861,010	\$0
Contracts	\$215,057	\$100,196	\$35,136	\$99,868
Materials & Supplies	\$23,821	\$0	\$41,091	\$0
Internal Services	\$85,068	\$12,424	\$74,744	\$12,773
Subtotal: Direct Exps:	\$892,751	\$112,620	\$1,011,981	\$112,641
Administration	\$0	\$0	\$64,496	\$9,580
Program Support	\$0	\$0	\$189,702	\$951
Subtotal: Other Exps:	\$0	\$0	\$254,198	\$10,531
Total GF/non-GF:	\$892,751	\$112,620	\$1,266,179	\$123,172
Program Total:	\$1,005,371		\$1,389,351	
Program FTE	0.00	0.00	11.00	0.00
Program Revenues				
Indirect for dep't Admin	\$4,298	\$0	\$4,584	\$0
Intergovernmental	\$0	\$112,620	\$0	\$112,641
Program Revenue for Admin	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
Total Revenue:	\$4,298	\$112,620	\$4,584	\$112,641

Explanation of Revenues

This program is partially funded with ITAX dollars \$288,497. The program has contracts with the Portland Water Bureau \$75,000 and METRO's Solid Waste and Recycling Department \$32,000. The money received from Water Bureau and METRO is mainly for victim restitution payments in exchange for work performed on their sites. Also includes State Juvenile Crime Prevention funds \$5,641.

Significant Program Changes

Next year, the program will enhance gender and culturally specific services, work more closely with families and provide targeted services to youth who chronically re-offend. We intend to explore contracts with new partners, and as a result expect to increase the number of youth served, the amount of restitution payments and program revenue.