

Priority:	Safety	Lead Agency:	Community Justice
Program Offer Type:	Existing Operating	Program Contact:	Thach Nguyen
Related Programs:	50030, 50038, 50042, 50044, 50045, 50057, 50058		
Frameworks:	School Aged Policy Framework, Early Childhood Framework, Poverty Framework		

Executive Summary

The Communities of Color Partnership (COCP) provides culturally-appropriate interventions to help high-risk, minority youth offenders on probation (aged 12-18) avoid re-offending, stay in school and contribute to the community to improve public safety and address the over-representation of minority youth in the juvenile justice system. In 2004, the program served 110 youth.

Program Description

One reason minority youth are over-represented in the justice system is because traditional intervention services do not respond to the cultural context of their lives. COCP offers culturally-specific intervention services provided through a network of culturally competent community-based agencies and treatment providers. Youth receive educational and vocational services, counseling, mental health and addiction treatment, mentoring and other services in culturally appropriate settings designed to strengthen a youth's pro-social activities and maximize community connection. Communities of Color provides 5 beds of culturally specific, supervised shelter care to gang-involved and other high-risk youth. These youth do not have the appropriate supervision and support at home to be successful on probation. This shelter helps these youth transition from street life and criminality to violence-free lives and productive citizenship. Youth placed in shelter care attend school, participate in treatment services and await more permanent placements. Average length of stay is 28 days.

Program Justification

The Communities of Color Partnership is closely aligned with the county's core safety principles and strategies. The program uses evidence-based, culturally specific interventions that keep high-risk, minority youth from re-offending: in 2003-2004, 68% of youth in COCP programs had no new criminal referrals six months after leaving the program. The program is also consistent with a streams of offender model: more than 50% of youth in the program have been charged with person offenses, and most have committed multiple offenses. It is also based on principles of cost-effectiveness and fairness. The services that the Partnership provides in the community avert higher cost detentions and OYA commitments and reduce the number of African-American and Latino youth who are incarcerated.

Performance Measures

75% of youth will not commit a new offense while in the program; 70% of youth will successfully complete the program; 65% of youth who successfully complete COCP will not commit a new offense within a year of discharge from the program; 90% of COCP youth will not be committed to an OYA Facility.

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

In 2004, 71% of youth successfully completed the program; 68% of COCP youth did not commit a new criminal offense while in the program, 65% of youth who successfully completed COCP did not commit a new criminal offense within 6 months of discharge from the program; 100% of high risk African-American adjudicated youth were not committed to an OYA facility.

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

ORS 419C.001 – “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.”

Revenue/Expense Detail

	Proposed General Fund	Proposed Other Funds	Proposed General Fund	Proposed Other Funds
	2005	2005	2006	2006
Program Expenses				
Contracts	\$0	\$419,613	\$0	\$691,410
Internal Services	\$0	\$52,032	\$0	\$88,431
Subtotal: Direct Exps:	\$0	\$471,645	\$0	\$779,841
Administration	\$0	\$0	\$44,581	\$6,643
Program Support	\$0	\$0	\$127,733	\$660
Subtotal: Other Exps:	\$0	\$0	\$172,314	\$7,303
Total GF/non-GF:	\$0	\$471,645	\$172,314	\$787,144
Program Total:	\$471,645		\$959,458	
Program FTE	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
Program Revenues				
Indirect for dep't Admin	\$18,001	\$0	\$31,736	\$0
Intergovernmental	\$0	\$434,173	\$0	\$779,841
Program Revenue for Admin	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
Total Revenue:	\$18,001	\$434,173	\$31,736	\$779,841

Explanation of Revenues

This program is funded with \$779,841 in Oregon Youth Authority Gang Transition Services dollars. The Governor's budget proposes a 23% cut (\$560,000) in GTS funding, from a total of \$2,435,000.

Significant Program Changes

COCP services are funded with Gang Transition Services (GTS) dollars located in the Oregon Youth Authority budget. The Multnomah County Department of Community Justice (DCJ) manages GTS, which supports supervision, treatment intervention and support services provided by DCJ and its community partners. The Governor's budget proposes a 23% cut (\$560,000) in GTS funding, from a total of \$2,435,000. This cut would have negative impacts on Communities of Color services.