

**Program # 50057 - Youth Gang Outreach**

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<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>	50042, 50044, 50045, 50055		
<b>Frameworks:</b>	School Aged Policy Framework, Early Childhood Framework, Poverty Framework		

**Executive Summary**

The Youth Gang Outreach Program provides targeted, community based crime prevention and prosecution efforts aimed at high-risk youth in communities across Multnomah County, using ITAX funds. The program goals are to reduce juvenile crime, gang violence, and the over-representation of youth of color committed to OYA correctional facilities. The program serves approximately 250 youth at any one time.

**Program Description**

Youth Gang Services funds anti-gang outreach, prevention and law enforcement efforts across the County. Three community organizations (New Approaches to Community Outreach (NACO), Victory Outreach and Immigration Refugee Community Organization (IRCO)) provide services to gang involved youth who are at risk of committing violent crimes. The Youth Gang outreach workers meet youth in the community where youth spend their time. This may include parks, home, school, sports events, or on the streets. Because the outreach workers are from the community, they are able to work effectively with a variety of cultural and ethnic groups, in different parts of the county. The program also funds a School Resource Officer Training Program for the Gresham Police Department. Finally, the program funds an anti-gang prosecutor in the District Attorney's office. A special juvenile prosecutor is necessary due to the complex nature of gangs and the need to investigate the criminal behavior, use of weapons, and their leadership structures that defies the conventional criminal enterprise label.

**Program Justification**

Youth Gang Outreach supports county safety strategies in multiple ways. Multnomah County is the epicenter of gang-related activity in the state of Oregon. The outreach and prevention services this ITAX-funded program supports are designed to keep youth in school and out of gangs, prevent them from becoming involved in crime and entering the juvenile or adult system. The DA position hold offenders responsible for their actions by dedicating a prosecutor who is specialized in gang crime to win adjudications and sanctions against gang members. Finally, this multi-jurisdictional program supports collaboration among system partners who are working together to prevent gang activity in the community and in the schools.

**Performance Measures**

80% of youth receiving services from YGO will not commit a criminal offense while enrolled in the program; 65% of youth receiving services from the YGO will not commit another offense within 12 months of discharge; The rates of commitment to OYA facilities for minority and Anglo youth will not be significantly different.

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

For IRCO and NACO in 2002, the percent of youth who do not commit an offense while in the program was 85% for both programs and at 6 months after discharge 97% and 89%, respectively, had not committed a criminal offense. The commitment rate to OYA facilities of minority youth was actually 2 percentage points lower than the rate for Anglo youth. Next year, we expect to meet the goals set in the performance measures above.

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

**Revenue/Expense Detail**

	Proposed General Fund	Proposed Other Funds	Proposed General Fund	Proposed Other Funds
	2005	2005	2006	2006
<b>Program Expenses</b>				
Personnel	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$40,000
Contracts	\$0	\$326,596	\$449,958	\$0
Internal Services	\$0	\$40,612	\$5,285	\$2,145
Subtotal: Direct Exps:	<b>\$0</b>	<b>\$367,208</b>	<b>\$455,243</b>	<b>\$42,145</b>
Administration	\$0	\$0	\$28,417	\$4,234
Program Support	\$0	\$0	\$81,421	\$420
Subtotal: Other Exps:	<b>\$0</b>	<b>\$0</b>	<b>\$109,838</b>	<b>\$4,654</b>
Total GF/non-GF:	<b>\$0</b>	<b>\$367,208</b>	<b>\$565,081</b>	<b>\$46,799</b>
Program Total:	<b>\$367,208</b>		<b>\$611,880</b>	
Program FTE	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.50
<b>Program Revenues</b>				
Indirect for dep't Admin	\$14,010	\$0	\$1,836	\$0
Intergovernmental	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$42,145
Program Revenue for Admin	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
<b>Total Revenue:</b>	<b>\$14,010</b>	<b>\$0</b>	<b>\$1,836</b>	<b>\$42,145</b>

**Explanation of Revenues**

The program is partially supported by ITAX \$379,958. Grants funds from the federal Juvenile Accountability Block Grant are funding a half time position to support the City of Gresham \$42,145.

**Significant Program Changes**