

Priority:	Safety	Lead Agency:	Community Justice
Program Offer Type:	New Program	Program Contact:	Dave Koch
Related Programs:	50042, 50044, 50055		
Frameworks:	School Aged Policy Framework		

Executive Summary

Latino males 12-18 are held in detention at disproportionately high rates in part because they lack supervised housing in the community. The Department of Community Justice (DCJ) proposes a cheaper, more effective option: contract for short-term (30 day) shelter care and staff to link them to services for 80 youth each year.

Program Description

Research shows that detained youth are more likely to commit new crimes. For this reason, DCJ detains youth only when objective criteria indicate public safety is at risk. In 2003, DCJ detained 24 Latino youth in spite of the risk criteria: 2.5 times as many as in 2002, often because youth were undocumented and lacked stable housing to which they could be released. To address these barriers and invest safety dollars in less costly alternatives to detention (a shelter bed costs \$120 a day, while a detention bed costs \$215), DCJ would contract with a community provider for 5 shelter beds for Latino males 12-18 awaiting trial and permanent placements. Young males could stay for up to 28 days, participate in structured activities, and have staff link them to health care, employment, and school, as well as cultural education and Latino role models.

Program Justification

This program embodies the core principles underlying the safety team's primary strategies. It allows DCJ to hold juvenile offenders accountable, while assuring that they receive fair and equitable treatment. With these beds, fewer Latino youth have to be detained simply because culturally appropriate alternatives do not exist. In addition, this program is cost-effective and research-based because it reserves \$215/day detention beds for the highest risk youth and provides culturally-specific shelter and services. Research indicates that culturally specific programs produce better outcomes for youth of color. However, no Latino-focused shelter care currently exists in the county. This program fills that void.

Performance Measures

95% of those enrolled will not commit a criminal offense while enrolled in the program; 70% of those who successfully complete the program will not commit a criminal offense within 12 months of program discharge.

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

As a recent start-up program, outcome data are not yet available. Next year, we expect that the goals set in the performance measures will be met.

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
Program Expenses				
Contracts	\$0	\$0	\$219,000	\$0
Internal Services	\$0	\$0	\$16,535	\$0
Subtotal: Direct Exps:	\$0	\$0	\$235,535	\$0
Administration	\$0	\$0	\$11,029	\$0
Program Support	\$0	\$0	\$11,777	\$0
Subtotal: Other Exps:	\$0	\$0	\$22,806	\$0
Total GF/non-GF:	\$0	\$0	\$258,341	\$0
Program Total:	\$0		\$258,341	
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

Five beds @ \$120/bed/day x 5 beds x 365 days = \$219,000.

Significant Program Changes