

Program # 50065 - Adult Pretrial Release Program Option

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Priority:	Safety	Lead Agency:	Community Justice
Program Offer Type:	Program Alternative /	Program Contact:	Mike King
Related Programs:	50023		

Frameworks:

Executive Summary

The Pretrial Release Program (PRP) merges two similar county programs that provide supervision to adult offenders released from jail awaiting trial: Close Street Supervision (CSS) and Pretrial Release Services (PRSP) into one seamless program operated by Department of Community Justice (DCJ). PRP increases efficiency and system capacity, while using research based practices to manage and reduce risk safely in the community (Andrews, 1994).

Program Description

Working together with Judges, District Attorneys (DA) and the Sheriff, PRP offers supervision strategies for community protection and meets the individual needs of defendants. PRP is located at the jail and operates 24 hours a day, 7 days per week. PRP starts with a detailed interview at booking to assess whether to hold a defendant or release him/her pending trial. This information helps determine if a defendant is a good candidate for release, considering safety concerns and the likelihood that the offender might not appear in court (FTA). The information is forwarded to Judge and DA for arraignment within 48 hours. PRP also allows lower and moderate risk defendants to remain employed, in school, continue health care services (drug/alcohol/mental health treatment), and remain in their home while being held accountable to the community.

Program Justification

The creation of PRP eliminates confusion in the justice system, as documented in a recent report (D. Bennett, 2001). PRP would save approximately \$250,000 by reducing duplication in administrative and support overhead, eliminating costly delays and redundant processes, and utilizes standardized release mechanisms to reduce bias and potential inequities. PRP can also increase the availability of county jail beds and reduce the need for some matrix releases. Both issues should increase our citizen's confidence in safety in the community. A reduction in the number of days from booking into jail to release on supervision for 525 defendants by 4 days results in a savings of \$241,500/yr. Increasing pretrial admission capacity by 52 additional defendants results in a savings of approximately \$580,000/yr. PRSP's ratio is 1 Corrections Technician to 70 defendants; CSS averages 1 Corrections Deputy to 20. This offer proposes 1 Probation Officer (PO) to 50 defendants.

Performance Measures

The average number of days from booking into jail to release onto PRP will be reduced by 15%. Of those defendants served by PRP, bookings as a result of FTA will be reduced by 5%.

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

At the time of the Bennett study the time from booking to release on supervision for PRSP averaged 7 days while CSS averaged 23 days. Combining these two programs would lower the time delay from booking to release by 4 days through a more timely, efficient, coordinated and less redundant process. Currently, PRP's ratio is 1 Corrections Technician to 70 defendants; CSS averages 1 deputy to 20. The PRP caseload capacity will be increased to 1 PO to 50; The PRP admission capacity will increase by 10%; FTA rate will be reduced by 5% (FTA resulted in 7,759 bookings in 2004; FTA Work Paper, MCSO, 2003).

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

ORS 135.230 to 135.250: per presiding judge, authorizes and outlines duties of release assistance officers/deputies.

Revenue/Expense Detail

	Proposed General Fund	Proposed Other Funds	Proposed General Fund	Proposed Other Funds
	2005	2005	2006	2006
Program Expenses				
Personnel	\$0	\$0	\$849,863	\$0
Contracts	\$0	\$0	\$96,720	\$0
Materials & Supplies	\$0	\$0	\$35,233	\$0
Internal Services	\$0	\$0	\$139,295	\$0
Subtotal: Direct Exps:	\$0	\$0	\$1,121,111	\$0
Administration	\$0	\$0	\$44,727	\$0
Program Support	\$0	\$0	\$51,674	\$0
Subtotal: Other Exps:	\$0	\$0	\$96,401	\$0
Total GF/non-GF:	\$0	\$0	\$1,217,512	\$0
Program Total:	\$0		\$1,217,512	
Program FTE	0.00	0.00	12.00	0.00
Program Revenues				
Program Revenue for Admin	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
Total Revenue:	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0

Explanation of Revenues

County general fund.

Significant Program Changes