

Priority:	Safety	Lead Agency:	Community Justice
Program Offer Type:	New Program	Program Contact:	Kevin Criswell
Related Programs:			
Frameworks:			

Executive Summary

The Forest Project would be a primary alternative to jail and detention each year for probation violations of 500 juveniles and 290 adult offenders under supervision. This program would also be a part of the juvenile detention reform initiative. The Forest Project, located in Wyeth Oregon, was cut from the 2004-2005 budget. The US Forest Service would require the County to enter into an intergovernmental agreement for use of the site for five years minimum.

Program Description

The Forest Project is a program where offenders live and provide unpaid work in the Columbia Gorge as a part of probation conditions or a sanction for violating probation. The program would serve approximately 290 adult male offenders each year. The Forest Project would be the most restrictive community sanction short of jail for adult offenders of which over 50% are classified as high or medium risk to re-offend. The juvenile program would serve approximately 500 youth per year, who are adjudicated by juvenile court as a community based alternative to detention. The adult program would operate during the week and the juvenile program would be operated on the weekends with the youth involved in public works and evening groups.

Program Justification

The Forest Project, as demonstrated by the prior operations, would be a highly utilized alternative to jail and detention. This program should save a minimum of 7,000 jail-bed days or \$770,000. The juvenile program would avert approximately 1,650 days of detention utilization, saving approximately \$307,804 and earning approximately \$24,275 in restitution for victims. The Forest Project provides research-based interventions (Andrews 1997) and removes non-compliant offenders from their communities where they are at risk to continue criminal behavior. This leads to fewer crimes, safer communities and an opportunity to effectively address criminal behavior through evidence based practices (Andrew, 1994). The offender's volunteer work teaches vocational skills and allows offenders to learn life skills.

Performance Measures

- * Juveniles will perform 1,650 days of community service, earning \$24,275 in restitution.
- * Adults will provide 10,667 hours of community services.
- * Adults will generate \$80,000 in revenue from the US Forest Service for the general fund.

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

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				
Personnel	\$0	\$0	\$990,141	\$0
Contracts	\$0	\$0	\$1,300	\$0
Materials & Supplies	\$0	\$0	\$98,278	\$0
Internal Services	\$0	\$0	\$72,995	\$0
Subtotal: Direct Exps:	\$0	\$0	\$1,162,714	\$0
Administration	\$0	\$0	\$54,386	\$0
Program Support	\$0	\$0	\$58,136	\$0
Subtotal: Other Exps:	\$0	\$0	\$112,522	\$0
Total GF/non-GF:	\$0	\$0	\$1,275,236	\$0
Program Total:	\$0		\$1,275,236	
Program FTE	0.00	0.00	15.70	0.00
Program Revenues				
Fees, Permits & Charges	\$8,160	\$0	\$0	\$0
Intergovernmental	\$0	\$0	\$80,000	\$0
Program Revenue for Admin	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
Total Revenue:	\$8,160	\$0	\$80,000	\$0

Explanation of Revenues

US Forest Service revenues for work done in the national forest \$80,000.

Significant Program Changes