

Program # 50022A - Juvenile Accountability Programs

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Priority: Safety
Program Offer Type: Existing Operating
Related Programs: 50010, 50013, 50014, 50015, 50018, 50040

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Program Characteristics:

Executive Summary

The Accountability Program uses community service and life skills counseling to hold high and medium risk juvenile offenders responsible for their actions, provide restitution to victims and change delinquent behavior. The program is an essential part of the juvenile system: judges order most juvenile offenders (over 700 each year) into this program and it offsets costlier detentions.

Program Description

The program ensures that juvenile offenders complete court mandated community service and pay victims restitution as a condition of their probation. It also provides highly structured and closely supervised group activities that address issues that contribute to delinquency. These activities include: educational assessment, job readiness, conflict resolution, life skills, and victim impact sessions that help youth develop empathy so they can understand what they have done. Activities are held during evening and weekend hours when high/medium risk youth are at the greatest risk of committing a crime or violating probation.

Program Justification

The Accountability program holds delinquent youth responsible for their actions by imposing appropriate consequences. It also uses evidence-based services and sanctions that are tailored to the risk each youth poses and builds skills that help change the youth's behavior to prevent re-offending. The Accountability program also keeps the juvenile justice system functioning effectively and cost-efficiently. It is a primary sentencing option for judges: they cannot hold juvenile offenders accountable without the sanctions managed by the Accountability program (such as community service, restitution and court fines). It is also an alternative to the more costly option of detention (\$215 a day), and ensures that detention is used for the most risky and out-of-control youth. Finally, the program is consistent with the county's core principle of fair and equitable treatment of victims and offenders. The program helps youth restore victims by earning money to repay restitution and contribute to the community by maintaining parks and other locations. It also provides a key detention alternative that helps reduce minority over-incarceration.

Performance Measures

Measure Type	Primary Measure	Previous Year Actual (FY04-05)	Current Year Purchased (FY05-06)	Current Year Estimate (FY05-06)	Next Year Offer (FY06-07)
Output	Hours of community service performed.	5,531	6,500	5,413	5,500
Outcome		0	0	0	0
Output	Dollars of restitution paid.	67,695	90,000	66,377	66,500
Output	Number of youth served by the program.	726	800	636	650

Performance Measure - Description

Legal/Contractual Obligation

Mandated Program with Funding/Service Level Choice

ORS 419C.001 requires "The [juvenile] system shall provide a continuum of services that emphasize prevention of further criminal activity by the use of early and certain sanctions . . ." See also ORS 419C.462 Community Service; 419C.465 Service to Victim; 419C.470 Opportunities to Fulfill Obligations Imposed by the Court; 419C.450 Restitution.

Revenue/Expense Detail

	Proposed General Fund	Proposed Other Funds	Proposed General Fund	Proposed Other Funds
Program Expenses	2006	2006	2007	2007
Personnel	\$861,010	\$0	\$891,362	\$90,141
Contracts	\$35,136	\$112,816	\$35,136	\$111,615
Materials & Supplies	\$41,091	\$352	\$48,798	\$74,214
Internal Services	\$74,744	\$14,473	\$88,576	\$8,469
Subtotal: Direct Exps:	\$1,011,981	\$127,641	\$1,063,872	\$284,439
Administration	\$0	\$0	\$79,154	\$22,481
Program Support	\$0	\$0	\$234,053	\$0
Subtotal: Other Exps:	\$0	\$0	\$313,207	\$22,481
Total GF/non-GF:	\$1,011,981	\$127,641	\$1,377,079	\$306,920
Program Total:	\$1,139,622		\$1,683,999	
Program FTE	0.00	0.00	11.00	1.00
Program Revenues				
Indirect for dep't Admin	\$5,194	\$0	\$5,669	\$0
Intergovernmental	\$0	\$127,641	\$0	\$284,439
Program Revenue for Admin	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
Total Revenue:	\$5,194	\$127,641	\$5,669	\$284,439

Explanation of Revenues

This program is funded by county general fund \$1,063,872. Funds are also received from Portland Water Bureau \$75,000 and METRO Solid Waste and Recycling Department \$32,500 that are primarily used for victim restitution payments in exchange for work performed at their sites; state Juvenile Crime Prevention \$5,372; Housing Authority of Portland \$9,442; and the federal Youth Offender Grant \$162,125 awarded to WorkSystems, Inc. and passed through to DCJ for program coordination and client flex funds.

Significant Program Changes

Last year this program was: #50045, Juvenile Accountability Programs

One Juvenile Counselor was added through a Work Systems Inc. contract for the federal Youth Offender Grant.