

Program # 50030B - Adult Felony Supervision-Restore Current Staffing Level

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Priority: Safety
Program Offer Type: Existing Operating
Related Programs: 50026, 50027, 50028A, 50029, 50034, 50037, 50040, 50049A, 50052A, 50053, 50052B
Program Characteristics: One-Time-Only Request, Backfill State/Federal/Grant

Lead Agency: Community Justice
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Executive Summary

Adult Field Services felony supervision protects the public by monitoring 8,000 felons (including sex offenders, psychopaths and gang members) who live in the community. Felony supervision reduces crime and victimization: 72% of Multnomah County parolees do not re-offend. This offer restores felony supervision to current staffing levels by replacing \$1.8 million in reduced state funding for one year. As a result, 700 medium-risk offenders would not have to be moved from active supervision to case bank, where they would not be closely monitored (such a move would be in contravention of their risk to the community and correctional best practices). Anticipated increases in county case load and changes in the state funding formula are likely to close this gap next fiscal year. (However, this offer does not address the growing numbers of high and medium-risk offenders that are increasing PPO case loads. Scale-up C is needed to keep 450 medium risk offenders out of case bank, or prevent case loads growing from 55 felons per PPO to 75 felons per PPO.)

Program Description

PPOs closely supervise offenders who pose a high and medium-risk to re-offend and who are living in communities across Multnomah County. A loss of \$1.8 million in state community corrections funding, coupled with increasing offender case loads, would force DCJ to close the equivalent of one felony supervision field office and move 1,150 medium risk offenders, convicted of crimes such as ID and auto theft and drug-related charges, onto reduced supervision, where the offender/PPO ratio is 400 to 1 (or raise case loads to nearly 100 felons to 1 PPO). Restoration of these funds will prevent 700 of these medium-risk offenders from being removed from active supervision (or enable DCJ to keep case loads from rising over 75 felons per PPO). As result, DCJ will be able to continue to aggressively monitor the activity of these felons in the community, address the factors that fuel their criminal activity, sanction their violations and refer them for drug abuse, mental health, education and employment services. However, it does not address the county's rapidly growing felony caseload -- to keep current PPO to offender case load ratios in place, DCJ would still be required to move 450 medium risk felons to reduced supervision, or increase case load sizes from a current ratio of 55 felons per PPO to 75 felons per PPO (See Scale-up C).

Program Justification

Adult felony supervision is an essential part of the public safety system. Felony supervision holds offenders responsible for their actions and reduces crime: the re-offense rate for felons who return to Multnomah County from prison was 27.8% in 2005, which is significantly below state average (32%) despite the County's larger percentage of high-risk offenders. However, Multnomah County will not be able to continue to achieve these outcomes without restoration of the \$1.8 million in state community corrections funds. Moving 1,150 medium-risk offenders to reduced supervision, or increasing case load sizes to 100 felons:1 PPO, (if neither 50030B or 50030C is purchased) contradicts research-based practice and the county's "streams of offenders" priorities for the public safety system. Without close supervision, these offenders will be more likely to re-offend, create new victims and place more of a burden on police, jails and courts. Restoring these funds will enable DCJ to continue to closely supervise 700 of the 1,150 medium risk offenders, enforce their supervision conditions and arrange treatment and other services that have proved to be effective in reducing criminal activity. This one year investment of general fund will help maintain public safety until growing case loads and anticipated changes in the state funding formula are expected to yield increased state community corrections funds next biennium.

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	Number of offenders field supervised.	0	0	0	700
Outcome	Percent of parolees who did not recidivate.	72%	72%	71%	70%
Outcome	Percent of probationers who did not recidivate.	77%	75%	77%	75%
Output	Average number of offenders case bank supervised.	0	0	0	2,850

Performance Measure - Description

Recidivism is measured by 3 year re-conviction rate. FY 07 rates are based on current caseload size. If 50030B and 50030C are not purchased, re-offense rates are expected to increase.

Legal/Contractual Obligation

ORS 423.478 requires that "counties, in partnership with the department (of Corrections), shall assume responsibility for community-based supervision, sanctions and services for offenders convicted of felonies who are:(a) On parole; (b) On probation; (c) On post-prison supervision." Counties may opt-out of community supervision, but only if state funding falls below baseline; currently it does not.

Revenue/Expense Detail

	Proposed General Fund	Proposed Other Funds	Proposed General Fund	Proposed Other Funds
Program Expenses	2006	2006	2007	2007
Personnel	\$0	\$0	\$1,579,974	\$0
Contracts	\$0	\$0	\$1,500	\$0
Materials & Supplies	\$0	\$0	\$18,261	\$0
Internal Services	\$0	\$0	\$130,848	\$0
Subtotal: Direct Exps:	\$0	\$0	\$1,730,583	\$0
Administration	\$0	\$0	\$109,173	\$0
Program Support	\$0	\$0	\$223,728	\$59,008
Subtotal: Other Exps:	\$0	\$0	\$332,901	\$59,008
Total GF/non-GF:	\$0	\$0	\$2,063,484	\$59,008
Program Total:	\$0		\$2,122,492	
Program FTE	0.00	0.00	17.00	0.00
Program Revenues				
Program Revenue for Admin	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
Total Revenue:	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0

Explanation of Revenues

For this program, fiscal year 2006 included \$1,835,350 in one time only carryover of State Dept of Corrections Funds. For 2007, this program offer requests general fund to restore current service level operations.

Significant Program Changes

Last year this program was:

This program offer represents the restoration of Adult Felony Supervision to current service levels, and is the equivalent of one field office.