

Priority: Safety
Program Offer Type: Existing Operating
Related Programs: 50026, 50027, 50034, 50037, 50038, 50040, 50041, 50042, 50049A, 50052A, 50053
Lead Agency: Community Justice
Program Contact: Carl Jaber

Program Characteristics:

Executive Summary

Adult misdemeanor supervision program supervises 1,400 misdemeanants on probation. These offenders have committed misdemeanor person-to-person crimes, including sexual offenses, harassment, and assaults. Parole/probation officers (PPOs) supervise probationers closely, sanction violations and refer offenders for drug abuse, mental health, anger management and other behavior change services. Probation supervision protects public safety: 77% of offenders do not re-offend. Per the Board of County Commissioners, for fiscal year 2007, we will reduce misdemeanor supervision by 25% (\$662,783) with an additional expected 25% reduction following the expiration of one time only funding at the end of FY 2007.

Program Description

While these offenders were convicted of misdemeanors, they represent a serious risk to the community due to the person-to-person nature of their crimes. Misdemeanor probation supervision uses research-based case-management methods to protect the public, hold offenders accountable, and motivate them to change their criminal behavior. PPOs work closely with police, the courts, treatment providers, and other community partners. Misdemeanants go through a centralized intake where their criminality is assessed. High and medium-risk offenders are supervised at five field locations. Supervision includes: case planning and management; office and home visits; surveillance; swift and sure sanctions for probation violations; collaboration with police to capture fugitives and interdict crime; referrals to treatment and other behavior change services; support to victims and families.

Program Justification

This program protects the public by using evidence-based practices to hold misdemeanor offenders accountable and reduce their re-offenses. Misdemeanor supervision is consistent with a "streams of offenders" model. PPOs monitor the compliance of high and medium risk offenders with their supervision conditions and apply proportional consequences (including jail or revocation) when necessary to help ensure community safety. PPOs require offenders to obtain treatment and other behavioral-change services that reduce drug and alcohol abuse and change antisocial attitudes and actions. Research shows that this balanced approach between supervision, sanctions and behavioral-change services reduces re-offending while incarceration alone actually increases re-offending (Andrews, 1994). State corrections data indicate that probation supervision works: 77% of Multnomah County probationers do not re-offend within three years of their offense. A total eventual 50% reduction in misdemeanor supervision will mean that DCJ will be unable to supervise drug, property and some person offenses. We will work with judges and the District Attorneys' Office to eliminate probation supervision for certain types of offenses.

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	Average number of offenders supervised	1,400	1,400	1,400	1,050
Outcome		0	0	0	0
Outcome	Percent of probationers who did not recidivate.	77%	75%	77%	75%

Performance Measure - Description

Recidivism is measured by three year felony re-conviction rate. Recidivism data reflect cohorts who entered supervision three years ago.

Legal/Contractual Obligation

Although the supervision of misdemeanor cases is not funded by the state, functions are authorized under ORS 137 and 144, and OARs 291-065-0005 through 0007.

Revenue/Expense Detail

	Proposed General Fund	Proposed Other Funds	Proposed General Fund	Proposed Other Funds
Program Expenses	2006	2006	2007	2007
Personnel	\$1,734,686	\$0	\$1,432,304	\$0
Contracts	\$100,996	\$0	\$50,996	\$0
Materials & Supplies	\$96,774	\$0	\$100,093	\$0
Internal Services	\$60,702	\$0	\$20,933	\$0
Subtotal: Direct Exps:	\$1,993,158	\$0	\$1,604,326	\$0
Administration	\$0	\$0	\$44,243	\$0
Program Support	\$0	\$0	\$339,893	\$69,622
Subtotal: Other Exps:	\$0	\$0	\$384,136	\$69,622
Total GF/non-GF:	\$1,993,158	\$0	\$1,988,462	\$69,622
Program Total:	\$1,993,158		\$2,058,084	
Program FTE	0.00	0.00	16.50	0.00
Program Revenues				
Other / Miscellaneous	\$650,000	\$0	\$665,238	\$0
Program Revenue for Admin	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
Total Revenue:	\$650,000	\$0	\$665,238	\$0

Explanation of Revenues

County General Fund.

Significant Program Changes

Last year this program was: #50022, Adult Offender Field Services - Misdemeanor Supervision

For fiscal year 2007, the Board reduced the Misdemeanor Supervision program offer by 25%, resulting in staff cuts of 7.00 fte and administrative support of \$84,821.