

Program # 50039 - Adult Community Service - Community Court & Bench Probation

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Priority: Safety
Program Offer Type: Existing Operating
Related Programs: 25081A, 15017, 50037

Lead Agency: Community Justice
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Program Characteristics:

Executive Summary

The adult Community Service Program (CS) works directly with judges to help misdemeanants and law violators comply with court-ordered community work obligations. This past year, nearly 840 adults performed more than 25,000 hours of unpaid work as part of their Bench Probation. Another 950 adults completed more than 11,400 hours mandated by the Community Courts in Gresham and Downtown Portland. This program holds accountable those convicted of less serious crimes, saves jail space for serious offenders, and generates more than \$273,000 worth of unpaid labor to the community.

Program Description

Community Service for Bench Probation and the Community Courts provides a way for misdemeanants and law violators to directly and visibly perform unpaid work and restore the damage done to the community. These offenders do not have a probation officer; they report directly to the Court. The offenders complete their work at public and non-profit agencies. Community Service screens, assigns, and supervises offenders completing their work hours. Last year 25,024 hours were contributed to agencies through Bench Probation and 11,435 hours through the Community Courts. At \$7.50/hour, this is the equivalent of \$273,442 worth of labor. CS also works closely with County Human Services and Health to link those going through the Community Courts with referrals to social services, including employment, emergency food, literacy and GED services, prostitution alternatives, mental health, parenting skills, and alcohol and drug treatment.

Program Justification

CS links to the Safety priorities by holding offenders accountable for their actions and repairing harm to the community (restorative justice). Data show that community sanctions reduce recidivism and enhance public safety (Oregon Department of Corrections, 2002). CS connects offenders to the community, exposing them to positive social values. CS exemplifies cost-efficient cooperation and collaboration between courts, corrections, and public and private agencies. The community service sentence plays a significant role in the criminal justice system, offering a productive alternative to jail. The savings to the County of 25,000 hours of community service performed is the equivalent of 1,562 jail bed days. At \$110/jail day, this equates to an annual savings of \$171,875 in jail costs. The maintenance and clean-up that offenders perform also contributes to a healthy and safe environment.

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	Annual hours of community service.	25,000	25,900	31,562	32,000
Outcome		0	0	0	0
Output	Annual dollars of unpaid work provided to the community.	187,000	194,250	236,715	250,000
Output	Average number of participants served annually.	840	800	840	1,000

Performance Measure - Description

Legal/Contractual Obligation

ORS 137.126 to 137.131 authorizes community service as a sentence.

Revenue/Expense Detail

	Proposed General Fund	Proposed Other Funds	Proposed General Fund	Proposed Other Funds
Program Expenses	2006	2006	2007	2007
Personnel	\$428,263	\$0	\$552,096	\$0
Materials & Supplies	\$0	\$0	\$2,210	\$0
Internal Services	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
Subtotal: Direct Exps:	\$428,263	\$0	\$554,306	\$0
Administration	\$0	\$0	\$32,696	\$0
Program Support	\$0	\$0	\$114,172	\$17,684
Subtotal: Other Exps:	\$0	\$0	\$146,868	\$17,684
Total GF/non-GF:	\$428,263	\$0	\$701,174	\$17,684
Program Total:	\$428,263		\$718,858	
Program FTE	0.00	0.00	8.50	0.00
Program Revenues				
Fees, Permits & Charges	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
Program Revenue for Admin	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
Total Revenue:	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0

Explanation of Revenues

County General Fund.

Significant Program Changes

Last year this program was: #50028, Adult Community Service - Community Court & Bench Probation