

Program # 50068 - Adult Recog Program

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Priority: Safety
Program Offer Type: Existing Operating
Related Programs: 50025, 50029, 50030A, 50031, 50032A, 50033, 50035
Lead Agency: Community Justice
Program Contact: Michael Haines

Program Characteristics:

Executive Summary

The Adult Recognizance (Recog) Unit performs functions critical to the effective operation of our local criminal justice system by assisting the courts in making prompt and fair jail release decisions immediately following a defendant's arrest. Defendants are booked at the jail and then released to the community on their own recognizance. Recog staff work closely with police, parole/probation officers (PPOs), and Sheriff's Office jail staff in making release decisions. During 2005, staff conducted close to 16,500 interviews, releasing over 5,000 defendants. Nearly 80% appeared in court for their arraignment. Arraignment by law occurs within 24 hours of a jail booking; releasing the lowest risk defendants on their own recognizance averts an estimated \$550,000 in potential jail bed costs.

Program Description

The Recog Unit staffs the jail 24 hours, 7 days per week. Staff interview all defendants in jail with a pending Multnomah County charge. They obtain specific information before deciding whether to release someone prior to their court hearing. This minimizes unnecessary use of jail beds while protecting victims, witnesses, and the community. Recog staff work closely with police, parole/probation officers (PPOs), and Sheriff's Office jail staff in making release decisions. A pre-trial risk assessment tool is used to determine which offenders would benefit from release without sacrificing community safety.

Program Justification

This system provides a method of sorting offenders in a manner that results in community safety coupled with reduced costs, saving valuable jail beds for serious offenders. Recog staff provide an important 24-7 link between police officers and parole and probation officers by coordinating the process of holding violators in jail.

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 interviews conducted annually.	16,496	0	16,500	16,500
Outcome		0	0	0	0
Outcome	Percent of defendants released on their own Recog who appear at first hearing.	0%	80%	78%	78%
Output		0	0	0	0

Performance Measure - Description

Data are unavailable for FY 04-05 outcome measures. A new data collection system is in place that will supply future data requests.

Legal/Contractual Obligation

Pretrial Release Services became statutory under Oregon Revised Statutes, 135.230 and 135.260 in January 1974. ORS 135.245 requires a judge to impose the least restrictive condition necessary to ensure a defendant's later court appearance and to release persons in custody on their own recognizance unless conditions indicate such release is unwarranted.

Revenue/Expense Detail

	Proposed General Fund	Proposed Other Funds	Proposed General Fund	Proposed Other Funds
Program Expenses	2006	2006	2007	2007
Personnel	\$1,050,908	\$0	\$1,186,013	\$0
Materials & Supplies	\$14,696	\$0	\$17,157	\$0
Internal Services	\$24,155	\$0	\$0	\$0
Subtotal: Direct Exps:	\$1,089,759	\$0	\$1,203,170	\$0
Administration	\$0	\$0	\$19,198	\$0
Program Support	\$0	\$0	\$119,805	\$0
Subtotal: Other Exps:	\$0	\$0	\$139,003	\$0
Total GF/non-GF:	\$1,089,759	\$0	\$1,342,173	\$0
Program Total:	\$1,089,759		\$1,342,173	
Program FTE	0.00	0.00	15.60	0.00
Program Revenues				
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: #50013, Pretrial Services - Adult Offenders

The Adult Recog responsibilities were a part of the Pretrial Service Program Offer for fiscal year 2006. Because of the increase in Pretrial Services, the Recog Program has been created as a separate program offer, with no changes in the program services.