

Priority: Safety
Program Offer Type: Existing Operating
Related Programs:
Program Characteristics:

Lead Agency: Non-Departmental - All
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Executive Summary

Decision Support System for Justice (DSS-J) is a system that combines data from the major public safety agencies (Portland Police Bureau, Multnomah County Sheriff's Office, Multnomah County District Attorney's Office, Multnomah County Circuit Court and the Department of Corrections.) Criminal justice data from these agencies are linked together and stored in a common database. DSS-J provides information in a timely and cost-effective manner that otherwise would either not be available, or would require too many man-hours to make the task feasible. As a result, public safety management, policy and budget decisions can be data-driven, instead of by best-guess or past-practice.

Program Description

The goals of the DSS-J, as defined by the Multnomah County Local Public Safety Coordinating Council (LPSCC), are to reduce criminal behavior of offenders, increase program success rates, prevent and reduce criminal incidents, and improve operational efficiency. DSS-J meets these goals by 1) extracting data from operational data systems used by the Portland Police Bureau, Multnomah County Sheriff's Office, Multnomah County District Attorney's Office, Circuit Courts for Multnomah County, and State Department of Corrections; 2) linking this data together in a reliable manner and storing it in a warehouse; and 3) providing analysis and reporting. DSS-J is used for sentencing support for Judges, determining jail bed utilization, providing data for the County's Public Safety Briefs, assisting with pre-trial investigations, reporting on domestic violence, and measuring and reporting recidivism.

Program Justification

DSS-J provides the most timely, and cost-effective method for gathering data for one of the marquee indicators related to Safety, reported crime rate per 1,000 persons. During FY 05-06, DSS-J provided data, reports and information on request to the major public safety agencies, Local Public Safety Coordinating Council, Criminal Justice Advisory Committee, the Auditor's Office and miscellaneous researchers that have resulted in a savings of thousands of hours of staff time. Shared information and data provided by DSS-J contribute to achieving an effective public safety system for adults and juveniles and responding to communities' crime priorities.

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 DSS-J Policy Committee new development priorities	0	0	0	7
Outcome	Percent of development priorities delivered on time and within budget	0%	90%	75%	90%

Performance Measure - Description

Annual goals for new development and priorities are set by the Local Public Safety Coordinating Council's DSS-J Policy Committee and are achieved on time and within budget 90% of the time unless mutually renegotiated.

Legal/Contractual Obligation**Revenue/Expense Detail**

	Proposed General Fund	Proposed Other Funds	Proposed General Fund	Proposed Other Funds
Program Expenses	2006	2006	2007	2007
Internal Services	\$728,288	\$0	\$660,989	\$0
Subtotal: Direct Exps:	\$728,288	\$0	\$660,989	\$0
Administration	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
Program Support	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
Subtotal: Other Exps:	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
Total GF/non-GF:	\$728,288	\$0	\$660,989	\$0
Program Total:	\$728,288		\$660,989	
Program FTE	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
Program Revenues				
Program Revenue for Admin	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
Total Revenue:	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0

Explanation of Revenues

This program is paid for from the General Fund via a service reimbursement to the IT Fund. All program support functions are budgeted in the Department of County Management-IT Division, in the IT Fund.

Half of this program was purchased one-time-only in the FY 2007 adopted budget. DSS-Justice is on the list in the "shared funding initiatives" budget note.

Significant Program Changes

Last year this program was: #10033, DSS-Justice

As the program and the technology in use matures, more cost savings can be obtained by leveraging existing work within the DSS-J system. This will allow DSS-J to reduce the amount of employee hours or resources needed to obtain and analyze critical data.