

Program # 50015 - Juvenile Gang Resource Intervention Team (GRIT)

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Priority: Safety
Program Offer Type: Existing Operating
Related Programs: 50017, 50021, 50022A

Lead Agency: Community Justice
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Program Characteristics:

Executive Summary

GRIT supervises 130 high risk youth offenders (males ages 12 to 18 years) who are in gangs or at-risk of joining one. GRIT's goals are to reduce juvenile crime and keep disproportionate numbers of minority youth from going to a youth correctional facility. Last year, 84% of these high-risk youth did not commit a new crime within 12 months of completing GRIT supervision.

Program Description

GRIT provides probation supervision to high-risk, gang involved delinquents using strategies that are tailored to each youth's problems, risks and cultural influences. Since public safety requires strong community relations, GRIT probation officers work closely with and in the community to prevent gang crimes. Along with holding gang youth accountable through supervision and sanctions, GRIT probation officers arrange a wide range of treatment interventions (e.g., mental health and drug abuse treatment) to address antisocial behavior and problems that fuel a youth's criminal activity and gang membership. GRIT probation officers also develop case plans that set out enforceable obligations to victims and the community. GRIT partners with police to gather intelligence on gangs and conducts joint missions in the community to disrupt gang activity.

Program Justification

Gang activity is a major safety problem in the county and gang violence is increasing and spreading. GRIT contributes to safety in ways that are closely aligned to core safety principles and strategies. By focusing on the highest risk youth, GRIT is consistent with a streams of offender approach. GRIT uses evidence-based strategies that hold youth gang offenders responsible for their actions, reduces re-offending and prevents them from entering the adult system. By doing so, GRIT helps reduce the disproportionate incarceration of minority youth, the long-term success of youth and the more efficient use of public safety resources. GRIT works in close collaboration with police and community groups, gathering information on gang activity, conducting joint sweeps with police and connecting youth with treatment, employment and other supports in the community. GRIT supervision works: 84% of GRIT offenders did not re-offend within the year after they completed probation supervision.

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 youth served by GRIT annually.	120	120	130	130
Outcome	Percent of youth who did not recidivate one year post program exit.	84%	67%	91%	80%

Performance Measure - Description

Recidivism is measured by new criminal referral.

Legal/Contractual Obligation

ORS 419C.001 mandates that "The [juvenile] system shall provide a continuum of services that emphasize prevention of further criminal activity by the use of early and certain sanctions, reformation and rehabilitation programs and swift and decisive intervention in delinquent behavior." As a result, counties must provide probation supervision to delinquent youth, but are not required to have specialized supervision units.

Revenue/Expense Detail

	Proposed General Fund	Proposed Other Funds	Proposed General Fund	Proposed Other Funds
Program Expenses	2006	2006	2007	2007
Personnel	\$190,842	\$347,865	\$424,096	\$317,554
Contracts	\$0	\$219,000	\$0	\$921,201
Materials & Supplies	\$4,150	\$4,217	\$4,968	\$2,725
Internal Services	\$10,391	\$51,320	\$0	\$90,717
Subtotal: Direct Exps:	\$205,383	\$622,402	\$429,064	\$1,332,197
Administration	\$0	\$0	\$102,938	\$27,957
Program Support	\$0	\$0	\$307,041	\$0
Subtotal: Other Exps:	\$0	\$0	\$409,979	\$27,957
Total GF/non-GF:	\$205,383	\$622,402	\$839,043	\$1,360,154
Program Total:	\$827,785		\$2,199,197	
Program FTE	0.00	0.00	4.73	3.77
Program Revenues				
Indirect for dep't Admin	\$26,213	\$0	\$60,176	\$0
Intergovernmental	\$0	\$622,402	\$0	\$1,332,197
Program Revenue for Admin	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
Total Revenue:	\$26,213	\$622,402	\$60,176	\$1,332,197

Explanation of Revenues

This program's funding includes county general fund \$429,064, state Oregon Youth Authority (OYA) Gang Transition Services \$454,565; state Juvenile Crime Prevention Diversion \$152,286; and federal Juvenile Accountability Block grant \$65,346. Funding also includes OYA Gang Transition Services for East Metro Gang Enforcement Team which are passed through to the City of Gresham \$660,000.

Significant Program Changes

Last year this program was: #50044, Gang Resource Intervention Team (GRIT)

During fiscal year 2006, the Gang Supervision responsibilities were split into Adult and Juvenile programs, and 1.00 supervisor position was added.