

Priority: Safety
Program Offer Type: Existing Operating
Related Programs: 50006, 50026, 50028A, 50036, 50037, 50038, 50040, 50041, 50042, 50049A, 50053, 50052B, 50068
Lead Agency: Community Justice
Program Contact: Carl Jaber

Program Characteristics: One-Time-Only Request

Executive Summary

Adult Field Services felony supervision protects the public by monitoring 8,000 felons (including sex offenders, psychopaths and gang members) who live in the community. Felony supervision reduces crime and victimization: 72% of Multnomah County parolees do not re-offend. However, high and medium risk felon case loads are growing quickly in Multnomah County. At the current rate of growth, without additional staff to supervise them, DCJ would be forced to move 450 medium-risk offenders onto reduced supervision just to keep case loads at current levels of approximately 55 felons to 1 PPO (or raise case load sizes to 75 felons per PPO). This offer would address the growing number of medium and high risk offenders in Multnomah County by adding 8 PPOs to field offices. These PPOs would provide supervision and case management for 450 medium-risk offenders who have been convicted of ID and auto theft and drug charges. This is a one-year request. As case loads rise, it is expected that Multnomah County will receive a larger share of state community corrections funding from the state next biennium.

Program Description

DCJ strives for a ratio of 55 medium and high-risk offenders per PPO among its non-specialized field units. This has allowed PPOs to aggressively supervise offenders, increase home visits and community contacts and pro-actively address drug abuse, mental health, unemployment and other problems among felons that are associated with re-offending. As a result, re-offense rates among high and medium risk felons have declined in Multnomah County, even though Multnomah County PPOs supervise a higher percentage of higher risk offenders than their counter-parts in other counties. Statewide, medium and high-risk offenders account for 42% of all offenders in the community; in Multnomah County, they account for 59%.

This program offer would enable DCJ to add 8 PPOs to supervise the growing number of high and medium risk felons who are being added to Multnomah County supervision. Without these additional staff to keep pace with this growth, DCJ would be forced to move approximately 450 medium risk felons to reduced supervision, where they will not be pro-actively monitored or referred to behavior change services. The only other alternative would be to raise case load sizes to 75 felons per PPO and either eliminate or increase specialized cases loads that supervise domestic violence, gang and sex offenders.

Program Justification

Adult felony supervision is an essential part of the public safety system. Felony supervision holds offenders responsible for their actions and reduces crime: the re-offense rate for felons who return to Multnomah County from prison was 27.8% in 2005, which is significantly below state average (31%) despite the County's larger percentage of high-risk offenders. Specialized case loads have proved to be highly effective and to out-perform state averages: the one year re-offense rate for sex offenders was 0% for 2004 and the three year re-offense rate was 9%, according to recent data from the state Department of Corrections. However, Multnomah County will not be able to continue to achieve these outcomes if case loads continue to rise. Moving 450 medium-risk offenders to reduced supervision contradicts research-based practice and the county's "streams of offenders" focus for the public safety system, as would increasing case load sizes to 75:1. Without close supervision, these offenders will be more likely to re-offend, create new victims and place more of a burden on police, jails and courts. Restoring these funds will enable DCJ to continue to supervise these 450 medium risk offenders at current case load ratios, hold these felons accountable to the law and their supervision conditions and arrange treatment and other services that have been proved to be effective in reducing criminal activity.

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 offenders field supervised.	0	0	0	450
Outcome	Percent of parolees who did not recidivate.	72%	70%	71%	70%
Outcome	Percent of probationers who did not recidivate.	77%	75%	77%	75%
Output	Average number of offenders case bank supervised.	0	0	0	2,500

Performance Measure - Description

Recidivism is measured by 3 year re-conviction rate. FY 07 rates are based on current caseload size. If 50030B and 50030C are not purchased, re-offense rates are expected to increase.

Legal/Contractual Obligation

ORS 423.478 requires that "counties, in partnership with the department (of Corrections), shall assume responsibility for community-based supervision, sanctions and services for offenders convicted of felonies who are:(a) On parole; (b) On probation; (c) On post-prison supervision." Counties may opt-out of community supervision, but only if state funding falls below baseline; currently it does not.

Revenue/Expense Detail

	Proposed General Fund	Proposed Other Funds	Proposed General Fund	Proposed Other Funds
Program Expenses	2006	2006	2007	2007
Personnel	\$0	\$0	\$671,960	\$0
Materials & Supplies	\$0	\$0	\$5,380	\$0
Internal Services	\$0	\$0	\$8,336	\$0
Subtotal: Direct Exps:	\$0	\$0	\$685,676	\$0
Administration	\$0	\$0	\$33,402	\$0
Program Support	\$0	\$0	\$34,284	\$0
Subtotal: Other Exps:	\$0	\$0	\$67,686	\$0
Total GF/non-GF:	\$0	\$0	\$753,362	\$0
Program Total:	\$0		\$753,362	
Program FTE	0.00	0.00	8.00	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:

This program offer adds Parole and Probation Officer positions to maintain the level of community supervision for high and medium risk offenders.