

Program # 50041 - Adult Restorative Justice

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Priority: Safety
Program Offer Type: New Program
Related Programs: 15019, 50030A, 50031

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Program Characteristics:

Executive Summary

Restorative justice holds offenders accountable for repairing harm done to both victims and community. Victim restitution is the primary way the justice system holds adult offenders accountable to victims. Offenders in Multnomah County have paid less than 25% of the restitution owed (the state average is 39%). This program offer creates a Restitution Collection Team to aggressively collect restitution from those offenders who have ability to pay, increasing the payment rate to 50%.

Program Description

The Restitution Collection Team will draw upon a successful restitution collection model in Clackamas County that collects approximately \$53,000/month. It will be comprised of a parole/probation officer (PPO), 2 technicians and 2 support staff. The team will work closely with the District Attorney's Victim Advocate and courts. It will prioritize and focus collection efforts on those offenders who have ability to pay. For example, almost 40% of those owing restitution are low-risk offenders on the Reduced Supervision Team (RST); roughly half are not making regular payments. Offenders assigned to RST alone owe an estimated \$6 million to crime victims. The team will implement proven collection strategies: establishing a payment plan with the offender, systematically tracking payments, making reminder calls when payments are late, notifying the courts, and garnishing wages as needed.

Program Justification

This offer links directly with the Safety priority of holding offenders accountable for repairing harm done to victims (restorative justice). Only 23% of the restitution owed in Multnomah County is currently paid; this compares with a 35% payment rate statewide and 65% in Clackamas County. Clackamas collects an average of \$53,000/month in fees and fines. DCJ has refined its collections strategies in other areas with significant results: Since FY2002 Enhanced Bench Probation has increased collections by 14% of court-ordered fees from offenders driving under the influence of alcohol or other drugs. Supervision fee collections have increased by 40% from \$715,547 in FY2002 to \$1,005,515 in FY2005. By pursuing similar strategies to those used in Clackamas County and building on our success in increasing supervision fees collection, we will be able to increase the amount of restitution provided to victims.

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 victims served annually.	0	0	0	400
Outcome	Restitution payment rate	0%	0%	0%	50%

Performance Measure - Description

Legal/Contractual Obligation

Revenue/Expense Detail

	Proposed General Fund	Proposed Other Funds	Proposed General Fund	Proposed Other Funds
Program Expenses	2006	2006	2007	2007
Personnel	\$0	\$0	\$316,373	\$0
Materials & Supplies	\$0	\$0	\$3,750	\$0
Internal Services	\$0	\$0	\$8,418	\$0
Subtotal: Direct Exps:	\$0	\$0	\$328,541	\$0
Administration	\$0	\$0	\$16,005	\$0
Program Support	\$0	\$0	\$16,427	\$0
Subtotal: Other Exps:	\$0	\$0	\$32,432	\$0
Total GF/non-GF:	\$0	\$0	\$360,973	\$0
Program Total:	\$0		\$360,973	
Program FTE	0.00	0.00	5.00	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: