

Program # 60036 - Drug and alcohol testing for inmates

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Priority: Safety

Lead Agency: Sheriff

Program Offer Type: New Program

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Related Programs:

Program Characteristics:

Executive Summary

This new program would test inmates for controlled substances and interview inmates on their drug and alcohol use. Data would be collected similar to the Arrestee Drug Abuse Monitoring (ADAM) program that the National Institute of Justice administered until 2003. Funds up to \$100,000 are requested for a professional contract.

Program Description

The Drug and Alcohol Testing for Inmates program would have a professional contractor collect data on inmate drug and alcohol use. The contractor would establish a sampling methodology, develop a survey questionnaire, set up substance abuse screening and testing services, perform field work, create datasets, report on program results, and train Sheriff's Office staff in accessing and using the data. The contractor must be certified under the Clinical Laboratory Improvement Amendments of 1988.

Data collected by this program would be useful to public safety partners such as Mental Health and Addiction services, Community Justice, and the District Attorney's Office.

Program Justification

Sheriff's Office Corrections Division currently has no ability to definitively and objectively determine if an arrestee booked into jail has been using illegal drugs or alcohol. This information is important in knowing how to interact with the arrestee and in deciding on housing and treatment options.

Inmate drug and alcohol use information would also assist in providing a picture of the influence controlled substances have in crimes committed in Multnomah County. A study published in the May 2004 issue of the British Medical Journal concluded that people who misuse alcohol and other drugs are responsible for about 25% of all violent crimes. Understanding the relationship between illegal drugs and alcohol and crime may lead to strategies to address this issue more systematically.

Methamphetamine use has been a significant issue in Multnomah County. It is often associated with criminal activity. The Sheriff's Office does not have the ability to track the types of drugs used by arrestees that are booked into jail. Having this information would provide an understanding as to the far-reaching effects methamphetamines have in the criminal justice system.

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	Records of drug and alcohol use on inmates (sample minimum)	0	0	0	380
Outcome	Percent of inmates booked tested for illegal drugs	0%	0%	0%	1%

Performance Measure - Description

As a new program offer, only projected performance measures are available.

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	\$0	\$0
Contracts	\$0	\$0	\$100,000	\$0
Materials & Supplies	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
Internal Services	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
Capital Outlay	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
Subtotal: Direct Exps:	\$0	\$0	\$100,000	\$0
Administration	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
Program Support	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
Subtotal: Other Exps:	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
Total GF/non-GF:	\$0	\$0	\$100,000	\$0
Program Total:	\$0		\$100,000	
Program FTE	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
Program Revenues				
Fees, Permits & Charges	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
Intergovernmental	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
Other / Miscellaneous	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
Program Revenue for Admin	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
Total Revenue:	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0

Explanation of Revenues

Significant Program Changes

Last year this program was: