

Priority: Safety **Lead Agency:** Community Justice
Program Offer Type: Existing Operating **Program Contact:** Thach Nguyen
Related Programs: 50013A, 50015, 50016, 50019A, 50020, 50021A, 50022A, 50022B, 50023A, 25123
Program Characteristics: Measure 5 Education

Executive Summary

The juvenile division's Gang Resource Intervention Team (GRIT) supervises 120 high-risk youth offenders (predominantly males, ages 12 to 18 years) who are already in a gang or who are gang associated and at high-risk of joining one. GRIT's goals are: to reduce juvenile crime; to prevent disproportionate numbers of minority youth from entering a correctional facility and to assist youth gang members positively redirect their lives. GRIT is effective; last year 88% of these youth offenders did not commit a new crime within 12 months of completing GRIT supervision. This program is linked to DCHS Program Offer #25123 - Youth Gang Prevention.

Program Description

GRIT provides probation supervision to high-risk, gang involved delinquents using strategies that are tailored to each youth's problems, strengths, needs, culture and environmental influences. Public safety requires strong, diverse community collaboration so GRIT probation officers, also known as Juvenile Court Counselors (JCCs), work with the community to prevent gang crimes and reduce gang expansion. DCJ collaborates with the DCHS Youth Gang Prevention Program to provide resources for families and communities to intervene early in gang related behavior. GRIT partners with the police, adult division parole and probation officers and the community to gather intelligence on gangs and disrupt gang activity. JCCs develop individual Probation Case Plans that establish enforceable obligations to victims and the community. Along with holding gang youth accountable through specialized supervision and sanctions, GRIT coordinates treatment (e.g. mental health and drug abuse) and interventions designed to address anti-social behavior. Skill building, mentorship, educational advocacy and support and exposure to positive age-appropriate activities are also used to counter youth involvement in crime and gang membership.

Program Justification

Nationally, gang activity continues to be a major concern. Locally, youth gang activity is county-wide. GRIT utilizes core public safety strategies to counter gang behavior including collaborative intervention efforts. In cases of gang violence, GRIT probation officers report to the scene and are able to assist law enforcement, the community and the family throughout the investigation. GRIT follows a Streams of Offender approach by focusing on the highest risk offenders thus maximizing public resources. Evidence-based practices hold youth responsible for their actions. Therapeutic approaches are used with the families of youth gang members that include individual and family counseling; specialized youth treatment when indicated; employment training/opportunities; positive peers and community support systems.

Youth of color are suspended/expelled from schools locally and nationwide at a significantly higher rate than other students. In response, GRIT has dedicated 2 JCC positions specifically to help minority youth complete their education. School completion is a proven protective factor that significantly reduces the risk of becoming or remaining delinquent and potentially gang involved. Avoiding suspension/expulsion and promoting academic success greatly reduces the use of detention. Youth are more likely to retain community placements when they are appropriately engaged in school. Educational success is proven to greatly reduce disproportionate incarceration of minority youth and the possibility of future criminal institutionalization. It increases their chance for long-term stability, productivity and success. GRIT supervision works; 88% of GRIT clients did not re-offend within the year after completing probation supervision.

Performance Measures

Measure Type	Primary Measure	Previous Year Actual (FY05-06)	Current Year Purchased (FY06-07)	Current Year Estimate (FY06-07)	Next Year Offer (FY07-08)
Output	Number of youth served by GRIT annually.	139	130	127	130
Outcome	Percent of GRIT youth who did not recidivate within one year post program exit.	88.0%	80.0%	85.0%	85.0%

Performance Measure - Description

Recidivism is measured by a 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	2007	2007	2008	2008
Personnel	\$419,515	\$317,554	\$473,302	\$308,274
Contracts	\$219,000	\$921,201	\$1,440	\$54,437
Materials & Supplies	\$4,968	\$2,725	\$14,503	\$702
Internal Services	\$0	\$90,717	\$13,087	\$27,606
Subtotal: Direct Exps:	\$643,483	\$1,332,197	\$502,332	\$391,019
Administration	\$102,938	\$27,957	\$59,766	\$14,608
Program Support	\$307,041	\$0	\$164,506	\$0
Subtotal: Other Exps:	\$409,979	\$27,957	\$224,272	\$14,608
Total GF/non-GF:	\$1,053,462	\$1,360,154	\$726,604	\$405,627
Program Total:	\$2,413,616		\$1,132,231	
Program FTE	4.73	3.77	5.41	3.29
Program Revenues				
Indirect for dep't Admin	\$60,176	\$0	\$19,284	\$0
Intergovernmental	\$0	\$1,332,197	\$0	\$391,019
Program Revenue for Admin	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
Total Revenue:	\$60,176	\$1,332,197	\$19,284	\$391,019

Explanation of Revenues

County General Fund \$502,332; State Oregon Youth Authority Gang Transition (OYA GTS) funds \$319,576; Federal Juvenile Accountability Block grant \$55,686; Federal Project Safe Neighborhood (PSN) Anti-Gang Initiative Grant \$15,757.

Significant Program Changes

Last year this program was: #50015, Juvenile Gang Resource Intervention Team (GRIT)

This program offer includes a 3% contract inflation adjustment of \$1,440.

Using State GTS funding and federal PSN monies, a .5 Juvenile Court Counselor (JCC) position has been increased to a 1.0 FTE JCC and a new .7 JCC position has been added to GRIT. Both these positions are specifically dedicated to help minority youth complete their education.

For FY 2007, a one-time-only State OYA grant was included in this budget as a pass-through to the City of Gresham \$660,000.