

Priority: Safety
Program Offer Type: Existing Operating
Related Programs:
Program Characteristics:

Lead Agency: Community Justice
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Executive Summary

The Pre-Trial Supervision Program (PSP) performs functions critical to public safety and the effective operation of our the justice system by assessing the flight and safety risk posed by over 4,000 incarcerated defendants, and supervising those defendants who are released from jail prior to trial. PSP is effective: only 3.4% of defendants are re-arrested while on PSP supervision and 85% of defendants appear at their court hearing. PSP's ability to effectively supervise defendants in the community avoids the use of an average of 750 jail beds per day for higher risk offenders.

Program Description

PSP has two primary functions: 1)community safety and 2) ensuring that defendants attend all court hearings. PSP case managers respond to court orders requesting that defendants be released to community supervision pending trial, if appropriate. Utilizing validated and established criteria to predict whether the defendant will appear for trial and remain crime-free in the community, PSP case managers complete an investigation to determine if a defendant is appropriate to be, or under what circumstances, released. The results of the investigation are reported back to the court. Once a defendant is accepted for supervision, the PSP case managers monitor the defendant's behavior and whereabouts through home/community contacts, office contacts and telephone contacts. PSP supervision allows defendants the opportunity to remain employed, attend school, continue health care services (alcohol/drug/mental health treatment) and live at home prior to trial. PSP supervised more than 3000 defendants and processed 4200 in-custody referrals this year, which exceeds by 200% the estimated number of defendants the program was anticipated to serve.

Program Justification

PSP contributes to public safety by reducing the risk that defendants who are released from jail appear in court and do not re-offend. The re-offense rates (3.4%) and failure to appear rates for PSP defendants (15%)are better than similar programs in other cities and better or equal to prior Multnomah County pre-trial programs. PSP improves the efficiency of the safety system and ensures that jail beds are reserved for high risk defendants. PSP manages cases using evidence-based methods which have proven to be effective in reducing criminal activity (Andrews, 1994).

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 defendants supervised annually	3,000	1,200	3,000	3,000
Outcome	Percent of released defendants who appear (do not FTA) at hearing.	85.0%	85.0%	85.0%	85.0%
Output	Average number of days to make release recommendation	13	0	13	13
Outcome	Percentage of felony defendants re-arrested pending trial	0.0%	0.0%	1.0%	5.0%

Performance Measure - Description

 **Measure Changed**

Last three measures are new.

Legal/Contractual Obligation

Pretrial Release Services became statutory under ORS 135.230 and 135.260 in January 1974. ORS 135.245 requires a judge to impose the least restrictive condition necessary to ensure a defendant's later court appearance and to release persons in custody on their own recognizance unless conditions indicate such release is unwarranted.

Revenue/Expense Detail

	Proposed General Fund	Proposed Other Funds	Proposed General Fund	Proposed Other Funds
Program Expenses	2007	2007	2008	2008
Personnel	\$1,485,422	\$0	\$1,486,889	\$0
Contracts	\$96,720	\$0	\$28,440	\$0
Materials & Supplies	\$27,693	\$0	\$21,372	\$0
Internal Services	\$56,876	\$0	\$89,708	\$0
Subtotal: Direct Exps:	\$1,666,711	\$0	\$1,626,409	\$0
Administration	\$99,658	\$0	\$94,989	\$0
Program Support	\$212,705	\$53,725	\$219,907	\$50,901
Subtotal: Other Exps:	\$312,363	\$53,725	\$314,896	\$50,901
Total GF/non-GF:	\$1,979,074	\$53,725	\$1,941,305	\$50,901
Program Total:	\$2,032,799		\$1,992,206	
Program FTE	19.00	0.00	19.00	0.00
Program Revenues				
Program Revenue for Admin	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
Total Revenue:	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0

Explanation of Revenues

County general fund \$1,626,409.

Significant Program Changes

Last year this program was: #50025, Adult Pretrial Supervision Program