

Priority: Safety
Program Offer Type: Innovative/New Program
Related Programs: 25080, 25090, 50027A, 15012, 50027B

Lead Agency: Community Justice
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Program Characteristics:

Executive Summary

The Pretrial Supervision Program (PSP) currently serves 250% (3,000) more defendants than the program was originally intended to serve (1,200). While PSP has better outcomes than similar programs (including a 1% re-offense rate and a failure to appear rate of less than 15%), this scale-up would increase staff (by 3.5 FTE) to further reduce time spent completing pre-trial release recommendations, which would avoid the use of over 6,000 jail bed days annually, freeing jail beds for higher risk offenders.

Program Description

With additional staff, PSP could reduce the time needed to complete release investigations, which would make more jail bed days available for high-risk offenders and enhance coordination with the courts and other public safety system partners. The additional staff would support and enhance PSP's main functions of completing in-custody release investigations as ordered by the court, and supervising defendants who have been released. Additionally, a PSP staff would serve as a "court liaison" or main PSP representative in court to advise the court on release process issues and enable release decisions to be made more expediently and consistently with established release criteria. Lower risk defendants could be monitored using a kiosk, or electronic reporting system. This system, supported largely through defendant fees, would require defendants to personally report to a kiosk, which would verify their identity and whereabouts, and advise them of their next appointment or court date.

Program Justification

The PSP enhancement would enable PSP to expedite more release investigations and thereby save more jail beds for high risk offenders. It would add a new supervision component, the kiosk, that would provide additional defendant monitoring. This enhancement would also enable PSP to provide the court with timely and accurate information from which to make release decisions, which increases efficiency within the public safety system. The kiosk reporting system has been used effectively in such jurisdictions as New York City to monitor a full range of offenders/defendants, including sex offenders and violent offenders. It has been demonstrated to be a cost effective supplement to managing and monitoring offender behavior in the community.

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	Average number of days to make release recommendation	13	0	13	12
Outcome	Percent of released defendants who appear (do not FTA) at hearing.	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%	90.0%

Performance Measure - Description

A one-day reduction in time to complete these investigations translates to 6205 jail bed days reserved annually for more serious offenders.

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	\$0	\$0	\$177,419	\$0
Materials & Supplies	\$0	\$0	\$1,525	\$0
Internal Services	\$0	\$0	\$3,750	\$0
Subtotal: Direct Exps:	\$0	\$0	\$182,694	\$0
Administration	\$0	\$0	\$8,329	\$0
Program Support	\$0	\$0	\$9,135	\$0
Subtotal: Other Exps:	\$0	\$0	\$17,464	\$0
Total GF/non-GF:	\$0	\$0	\$200,158	\$0
Program Total:	\$0		\$200,158	
Program FTE	0.00	0.00	2.50	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 is a new program offer.