

Priority: Safety **Lead Agency:** Community Justice
Program Offer Type: Existing Operating **Program Contact:** Thach Nguyen
Related Programs: 50010A, 50011, 50012A, 50013A, 50014, 50017, 50022A, 50022B, 50023A
Program Characteristics: Backfill State/Federal/Grant

Executive Summary

The Juvenile Accountability Program uses Community Service (CS) and Project Payback to hold juvenile offenders responsible for their actions. It helps them earn money to repay victims and/or to pay court fines. Juvenile Accountability provides life skills classes and counseling to help youth change delinquent behaviors. It also offers juvenile offenders employment training and job placements through a federal Youth Offender Grant DCJ received in July, 2005. The Accountability program is an essential part of the juvenile system; judges order virtually all adjudicated juvenile offenders (over 700 each year) to complete accountability services and sanctions.

Program Description

The Accountability Program ensures that juvenile offenders complete court ordered conditions to perform community service and repay victims. Youth can also earn money for court ordered Unitary Assessment fees, court fines and payments to the State Victims' Crime Fund. This program provides youth offenders with highly structured, closely supervised group sessions that address issues contributing to their delinquency to include educational assessments, job readiness, conflict resolution, anger management and life skills. The Victim Impact Class allows youth to "put a face" to their crimes to help them realize the full impact of their behaviors. Family Strengths groups are available to strengthen the home environment and engage parents/guardians in the youth's Case Plan. Accountability services are scheduled during evening and weekend hours when youth are statistically most likely to commit a crime or violate their probation. The youth employment training and placement partnerships established through the Youth Offender Grant have been highly successful.

Program Justification

The Accountability program follows the national Restorative Justice Program model, emphasizing the need to acknowledge the multiple levels of harm done to victims and to make every reasonable effort to restore a victim's sense of well being. Participants range from the age of 12 through Measure 11 adolescents supervised by the adult justice system. Traffic Court utilizes this program for juvenile traffic violators. These populations are kept separate. Youth receive sanctions and services tailored to their age, sophistication and level of risk. Accountability is the primary sentencing option used by juvenile court judges. Without the Accountability program at least 90% of DCJ youth will not be able to earn money for restitution and fines given their age, lack of employment options and lower household incomes. This program greatly reduces the number of minority youth that are placed in detention. It is the primary Detention Alternative for all DCJ youth, ensuring that only the most out-of-control are held in custody (\$309/youth/day). The Accountability program provides a structured way of repaying the community-at-large through maintenance of parks and other public venues.

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 that participated in program.	990	650	1,200	1,000
Outcome	Percent of successfully completed Accountability referrals.	95.0%	0.0%	95.0%	90.0%
Output	Dollars of Restitution paid.	81,278	66,500	96,254	80,000
Output	Hours of Community Service performed.	5,430	5,500	9,572	7,500

Performance Measure - Description

✔ **Measure Changed**

"Percent of successfully completed Accountability referrals" was not purchased last year. However, we are reporting the data for PREVIOUS YEAR ACTUAL FY 0506 (only validated from 01/06 through 12/06) and CURRENT YEAR ESTIMATED FY 0607 (full year validated) because we feel the information is valuable and we intend to make it a future performance measure.

Legal/Contractual Obligation

Mandated Program with Funding/Service Level Choice ORS 419C.001 requires "The [juvenile] system shall provide a continuum of services that emphasize prevention of further criminal activity by the use of early and certain sanctions . . .". See also ORS 419C.462 Community Service; 419C.465 Service to Victim; 419C.470 Opportunities to Fulfill Obligations Imposed by the Court; 419C.450 Restitution.

Revenue/Expense Detail

	Proposed General Fund	Proposed Other Funds	Proposed General Fund	Proposed Other Funds
Program Expenses	2007	2007	2008	2008
Personnel	\$881,563	\$90,141	\$886,261	\$21,000
Contracts	\$35,136	\$111,615	\$40,136	\$103,121
Materials & Supplies	\$48,798	\$74,214	\$43,763	\$2,178
Internal Services	\$88,576	\$8,469	\$79,064	\$8,467
Subtotal: Direct Exps:	\$1,054,073	\$284,439	\$1,049,224	\$134,766
Administration	\$79,154	\$22,831	\$79,178	\$19,360
Program Support	\$234,053	\$0	\$217,229	\$0
Subtotal: Other Exps:	\$313,207	\$22,831	\$296,407	\$19,360
Total GF/non-GF:	\$1,367,280	\$307,270	\$1,345,631	\$154,126
Program Total:	\$1,674,550		\$1,499,757	
Program FTE	11.00	1.00	10.50	0.25
Program Revenues				
Indirect for dep't Admin	\$5,669	\$0	\$6,055	\$0
Intergovernmental	\$0	\$284,439	\$0	\$134,766
Program Revenue for Admin	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
Total Revenue:	\$5,669	\$284,439	\$6,055	\$134,766

Explanation of Revenues

County General Fund \$1,049,224. Funds for work performed by youth on-site are received from Portland Water Bureau \$75,000 and METRO Solid Waste and Recycling Department \$32,500 and primarily used for victim restitution payments; Housing Authority of Portland \$6,266 and the federal Youth Offender Grant through Worksystems Inc. (WSI) \$21,000.

Significant Program Changes

Last year this program was: #50022A, Juvenile Accountability Programs

General Fund backfill is for a Juvenile Counselor that was fully funded by the Youth Offender Grant in FY 2007. That grant ends September 30, 2007.