

## **Program # 50025 - Victim Restitution Collection**

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Priority:SafetyLead Agency:Community JusticeProgram Offer Type:Innovative/New ProgramProgram Contact:Patrick Schreiner

**Related Programs:** 

**Program Characteristics:** 

# **Executive Summary**

Restitution to crime victims for financial loss is a primary way the justice system holds adult offenders accountable for their crimes. This program creates a restitution collection team comprised of a Probation/Parole Officer and a Collections Specialist, to aggressively collect restitution from over 400 offenders who are delinquent in repaying the victims of their crimes.

### **Program Description**

The Restitution Collection Team will target 400 offenders who owe restitution or compensatory fines to the victims of their crimes, and are two or more months delinquent in their payments. The target population for the collection team will be offenders who have the ability to pay; however, their financial obligations to the victims of their crimes remain outstanding. This program will provide the additional supervision and direction necessary to ensure that crime victims receive their just compensation.

The program will draw on the successful collections techniques utilized in the Department for collecting probation/parole supervision and Enhanced Bench supervision fees. The team will work with offenders to establish and monitor payment plans, refer offenders to employment services, and other related services to reduce barriers to employment and satisfying their financial obligations. The Restitution Collection Team will also utilize more aggressive techniques for offenders unwilling to meet their obligations, including: garnishing of wages, liens, and court action.

#### **Program Justification**

This offer links directly with safety by holding offenders accountable for repairing the harm done to victims and the community (Restorative Justice). This program specifically focuses on making crime victims whole. The proposed program will utilize techniques that resulted in a 40% increase in supervision fee collection by the department. This program will substantially facilitate the department's ability to pursue the over \$14 million in restitution owed to crime victims by offenders on 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)
	Percent of offenders current in their payment schedules	0.0%	0.0%	50.0%	65.0%
	Average percent of court ordered restitution paid by each offender.	0.0%	0.0%	29.0%	29.0%
Outcome	Total amount of restitution collected.	0	0	250,000	250,000

#### **Performance Measure - Description**

# **Legal/Contractual Obligation**

Under ORS 137.540 and 144.270, Restitution and Compensatory fines are conditions of probation and parole respectively, and become the duty and responsibility of probation and parole officers to collect. The collection of restitution is a state-wide performance measure, to which DCJ is contractually obligated via an Intergovernmental Agreement between the State Department of Corrections and Multnomah County. This IGA requires DCJ's performance on the collection of restitution to be within 5% of the state-wide baseline level.

## Revenue/Expense Detail

	Proposed General	Proposed Other Funds	Proposed General	Proposed Other Funds	
Program Expenses	2007	2007	2008	2008	
Personnel	\$0	\$0	\$151,927	\$0	
Materials & Supplies	\$0	\$0	\$6,220	\$0	
Internal Services	\$0	\$0	\$3,000	\$0	
Subtotal: Direct Exps:	\$0	\$0	\$161,147	\$0	
Administration	\$0	\$0	\$7,346	\$0	
Program Support	\$0	\$0	\$8,057	\$0	
Subtotal: Other Exps:	\$0	\$0	\$15,403	\$0	
Total GF/non-GF:	\$0	\$0	\$176,550	\$0	
Program Total:	\$	\$0		\$176,550	
Program FTE	0.00	0.00	2.00	0.00	
Program Revenues					
Program Revenue for Admin	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	
Total Revenue:	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	

# **Explanation of Revenues**

County general fund.

# Significant Program Changes

Last year this program was:

This is a new program offer.