

Priority: Safety
Program Offer Type: Innovative/New Program
Related Programs: 50026A, 50027A, 50033, 50034A, 50027B, 50026B
Lead Agency: Community Justice
Program Contact: Patrick Schreiner

Program Characteristics:

Executive Summary

Today approximately 25% of arrested defendants are booked by the jail and released without the benefit of a comprehensive warrants check and risk assessment. This program will provide complete and comprehensive nation-wide warrant checks and risk assessment interviews for 350 defendants monthly, who have been charged with non-person-to-person misdemeanors and traffic offenses. These defendants, who are presumptively release eligible, are not subject to a full interview due to current Recog staffing levels. This program offer will specifically address this policy made necessary by staffing limitations, and will allow the completion of full interviews on these defendants. In that way, all pretrial release decisions will prioritize victim and community safety and be the product of full interviews and assessments.

Program Description

The Recog Unit staffs the jail 24 hours, 7 days per week. Staff interview all defendants with a pending Multnomah County charge. Defendants charged with non-person misdemeanors and traffic offenses are subject to a full criminal history and warrant check, as well as a risk screening. The interview, risk screen, and verification of information takes approximately 60 minutes per defendant. This process provides a comprehensive, objective, and valid system for release decisions that prioritizes victim and community safety and flight risk.

Program Justification

This program supports the safety priority by ensuring that all pretrial release decisions are based on comprehensive and valid assessments of risk and that they appropriately prioritize victim and community safety. This program addresses a gap in services driven by current staffing levels. Though these defendants are charged with misdemeanors, their risk to the community should not be minimized or otherwise left to an abbreviated process. This assessment is shared by the Criminal Justice Advisory Committee (CJAC).

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 warrants check/interviews conducted annually.	0	0	0	400
Outcome	% of interviewed defendants released on own recog who appear at 1st hearing.	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%	60.0%

Performance Measure - Description

Legal/Contractual Obligation

Pretrial Release Services became statutory under Oregon Revised Statutes 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	\$257,516	\$0
Materials & Supplies	\$0	\$0	\$2,440	\$0
Internal Services	\$0	\$0	\$6,000	\$0
Subtotal: Direct Exps:	\$0	\$0	\$265,956	\$0
Administration	\$0	\$0	\$12,124	\$0
Program Support	\$0	\$0	\$13,298	\$0
Subtotal: Other Exps:	\$0	\$0	\$25,422	\$0
Total GF/non-GF:	\$0	\$0	\$291,378	\$0
Program Total:	\$0		\$291,378	
Program FTE	0.00	0.00	4.00	0.00
Program Revenues				
Program Revenue for Admin	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
Total Revenue:	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0

Explanation of Revenues

County general fund \$265,956.

Significant Program Changes

Last year this program was:

New program offer.