

Priority: Safety **Lead Agency:** Community Justice
Program Offer Type: Existing Operating **Program Contact:** Thach Nguyen
Related Programs: 25123, 50011, 50014, 50015, 50018, 50021, 50023A, 50023B, 50024

Program Characteristics:

Executive Summary

The Gang Resource Intervention Team (GRIT) supervises 120 high-risk youth offenders (males ages 12-18) who are in gangs or are gang associated in addition to all high-risk youth of color. GRIT's goals are: to reduce juvenile crime, to prevent disproportionate numbers of minority youth from entering a correctional facility and to assist youth gang members positively redirect their lives. GRIT supervision works: 81% of GRIT clients did not re-offend within the year after completing probation supervision.

Program Description

GRIT provides probation supervision to high-risk, gang-involved delinquents using strategies that are tailored to each youth's problems, strengths, needs, culture and environmental influences. Public safety requires strong, diverse community collaboration, so GRIT probation officers work with the community to prevent gang crimes and reduce gang expansion. DCJ collaborates with the DCHS Youth Gang Prevention Program to provide resources for families and communities to intervene early in gang related behavior. GRIT partners with the police, adult parole and probation officers and the community to gather intelligence on gangs and disrupt gang activity. Juvenile probation officers develop individual Probation Case Plans that establish enforceable obligations to victims and the community. Along with holding gang youth accountable through specialized supervision and sanctions, GRIT coordinates treatment (e.g. mental health and drug abuse) and interventions designed to address anti-social behavior. Skill building, mentorship, educational advocacy and support and exposure to positive age-appropriate activities are also used to counter youth involvement in crime and gang membership. In cases of gang violence, GRIT probation officers report to the scene and are able to assist law enforcement, the community and the family throughout the investigation.

Program Justification

Gang activity continues to be a major concern across Multnomah County. GRIT focuses on the highest risk offenders, using evidence-based practices that hold youth responsible for their actions and change their behavior. These interventions include intensive family-based counseling, specialized youth treatment when indicated, employment training/opportunities, positive peers and community support systems. GRIT supervision works: 81% of GRIT clients did not re-offend within the year after completing probation supervision.

Performance Measures

Measure Type	Primary Measure	Previous Year Actual (FY06-07)	Current Year Purchased (FY07-08)	Current Year Estimate (FY07-08)	Next Year Offer (FY08-09)
Output	Number of youth served by GRIT annually	268	130	281	265
Outcome	Percent of GRIT youth who did not recidivate within one year of probation exit	81.0%	85.0%	78.0%	80.0%

Performance Measure - Description

 **Measure Changed**

PREVIOUS YEAR ACTUAL and CURRENT YEAR ESTIMATE include both the GRIT and the North caseloads which were combined this year as part of a re-organization.

Legal/Contractual Obligation

ORS 419C.001 mandates that "The [juvenile] system shall provide a continuum of services that emphasize prevention of further criminal activity by the use of early and certain sanctions, reformation and rehabilitation programs and swift and decisive intervention in delinquent behavior." As a result, counties must provide probation supervision to delinquent youth, but are not required to have specialized supervision units.

Revenue/Expense Detail

	Proposed General Fund	Proposed Other Funds	Proposed General Fund	Proposed Other Funds
Program Expenses	2008	2008	2009	2009
Personnel	\$0	\$298,127	\$619,978	\$289,336
Contracts	\$0	\$50,000	\$5,165	\$458,932
Materials & Supplies	\$0	\$702	\$12,401	\$619
Internal Services	\$0	\$26,433	\$104,594	\$54,144
Subtotal: Direct Exps:	\$0	\$375,262	\$742,138	\$803,031
Administration	\$59,766	\$14,608	\$89,883	\$27,166
Program Support	\$164,506	\$0	\$284,993	\$0
Subtotal: Other Exps:	\$224,272	\$14,608	\$374,876	\$27,166
Total GF/non-GF:	\$224,272	\$389,870	\$1,117,014	\$830,197
Program Total:	\$614,142		\$1,947,211	
Program FTE	5.41	3.29	6.97	3.03
Program Revenues				
Indirect for dep't Admin	\$18,445	\$0	\$38,998	\$0
Intergovernmental	\$0	\$375,262	\$0	\$803,031
Program Revenue for Admin	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
Total Revenue:	\$18,445	\$375,262	\$38,998	\$803,031

Explanation of Revenues

General Fund \$742,138; State Oregon Youth Authority Gang Transition (OYA GTS) funds \$312,647; OYA East Metro Enforcement team \$434,698; Federal Juvenile Accountability Block Grant \$55,686

Significant Program Changes

Last year this program was: #50014, Juvenile Gang Resource Intervention Team (GRIT)

State Oregon Youth Authority East Metro Enforcement Team funding was added to this program after July 1, 2007. That funding is passed through to the City of Gresham.

Juvenile Counseling and Court Services programs have undergone a reorganization mid-year 2008. Those changes may be reflected here in budget and staffing; other programmatic changes are so noted.