

Priority: Safety
Program Offer Type: Existing Operating
Related Programs:
Program Characteristics:

Lead Agency: Community Justice
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Executive Summary

The Pre-Trial Supervision Program (PSP) performs functions necessary for public safety and the effective operation of the local justice system. PSP uses ORS release criteria to assess safety risks of over 4,000 defendants to determine their potential to attend court appearances once out of custody. By releasing qualified defendants, 750 more jail bed days are available for higher risk offenders. In FY 07, less than 1% of felony defendants were arrested for another felony offense while under PSP supervision.

Program Description

The primary mission of PSP is to evaluate the risk of releasing defendants prior to trial, supervise defendants in the community and ensure that defendants attend court hearings. When a defendant is referred by the Court to PSP for review, PSP staff use established criteria during their investigation to determine if a defendant is likely to pose a safety risk or to fail to attend subsequent court hearings if released from custody. The results of the investigation are presented back to the Court. When a defendant is released under PSP supervision, the assigned case manager monitors the defendant's behavior and actions through regular home, community, office and telephone contacts, as well as electronic and GPS monitoring in appropriate cases.

Defendants supervised by PSP are afforded the opportunity to maintain employment and/or school attendance, continue with health related services (drug and alcohol counseling, mental health treatment) and reside in the community pending the resolution of their court matters. During FY 2007, 4331 defendants were supervised by PSP who otherwise would have occupied scarce jail beds.

Program Justification

PSP manages cases using evidence-based methods that have proven to be effective in reducing criminal activity (Andrews, 1994). Using these practices contributes to public safety by increasing the probability that defendants released from jail prior to trial will attend subsequent court hearings and reducing their risk to re-offend. Research shows the re-offense rates and failure to appear rates for PSP clients are equal to or better than prior Multnomah County pretrial programs and better than similar programs in other cities.

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 defendants supervised annually.	4,331	3,000	4,500	4,500
Outcome	Percent of released defendants who appear (do not FTA) at hearing.	85.0%	85.0%	85.0%	85.0%
Output	Average number of days to make release recommendation.	11	13	11	11
Outcome	Percentage of felony defendants re-arrested pending trial.	1.0%	1.0%	1.0%	1.0%

Performance Measure - Description

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	2008	2008	2009	2009
Personnel	\$1,656,652	\$0	\$1,762,578	\$0
Contracts	\$28,440	\$0	\$28,375	\$0
Materials & Supplies	\$22,897	\$0	\$24,923	\$0
Internal Services	\$93,458	\$0	\$67,384	\$0
Subtotal: Direct Exps:	\$1,801,447	\$0	\$1,883,260	\$0
Administration	\$103,318	\$0	\$99,005	\$0
Program Support	\$229,042	\$50,901	\$253,036	\$52,608
Subtotal: Other Exps:	\$332,360	\$50,901	\$352,041	\$52,608
Total GF/non-GF:	\$2,133,807	\$50,901	\$2,235,301	\$52,608
Program Total:	\$2,184,708		\$2,287,909	
Program FTE	21.50	0.00	22.00	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: #50026A, Adult Pretrial Supervision Program

The fiscal year 2008 budget also included program offer 50026B Adult Pretrial Supervision Enhancement. That enhanced level is now included in the 2009 program offer.