

Priority: Safety
Program Offer Type: Existing Operating
Related Programs: 50028, 50029, 50033, 50036, 50040, 50041, 50043
Lead Agency: Community Justice
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Program Characteristics:

Executive Summary

Multnomah County's Felony Supervision unit has been nationally recognized for the use of evidence-based strategies, including the development of a system used to identify potentially violent offenders and construct supervision strategies to meet the risk they pose. Multnomah County receives a larger share of high risk offenders than any other Oregon county, yet experiences lower recidivism rates for both probation and parole cases. This is accomplished through field supervision by Probation/Parole Officers which includes use of evidence-based practices to change offender behavior.

Program Description

Felony supervision uses research-based strategies to supervise felony offenders on probation and parole. Probation/Parole Officers (PPOs) enforce law-abiding behavior and link offenders to treatment, employment and other services. Supervision is done through home and office visits, contacts with family, community members and treatment providers, and coordination with law enforcement agencies.

This type of supervision addresses factors in the offender's life which lead to criminal activity (for example; drug use, mental illness, anti-social attitudes and lifestyle instability) through the use of evidence-based interventions. Offenders who violate their conditions of supervision are punished via a range of community based sanctions which can include jail. Specialized units work with gang members, sex offenders, females, the chronically mentally ill and psychopathic offenders. PPOs work with local law enforcement agencies to inhibit new criminal activity and missions to improve community livability and fugitive apprehension. One PPO position is dedicated to work in conjunction with the US Marshall's Service to apprehend high risk fugitives.

Program Justification

Adult felony supervision is an essential component of the public safety system. Ninety-five percent of prison inmates return to the county of sentencing upon release, where they must complete post-prison supervision. The risk of these offenders committing new crimes is reduced when felony supervision is in place.

While the state average for recidivism for Parole/Post Prison offenders is 31.3% and probation offenders is 26.2%, Multnomah County supervises a significantly larger share of high risk offenders than other counties in the state, and has a recidivism rate of under 30% in both types of supervision (28% and 21% respectively). By targeting high and medium-risk offenders and implementing evidence-based practices, the recidivism rate has dropped dramatically over the past ten years.

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	Average number of offenders field supervised,	8,200	8,500	8,200	8,500
Outcome	Percent of parolees who did not recidivate.	72.0%	70.0%	72.0%	70.0%
Outcome	Percent of probationers who did not recidivate.	79.0%	75.0%	79.0%	75.0%

Performance Measure - Description

Adult recidivism is measured by a three year felony conviction rate. Recidivism data is reflected for those adult offenders who entered supervision three years ago. The "Current Year Estimate" is based on "Previous Year Actual" figures due to the lack of DOC reporting for this period.

Legal/Contractual Obligation

ORS 423.478 requires that "counties, in partnership with the department (of Corrections), shall assume responsibility for community-based supervision, sanctions and services for offenders convicted of felonies who are:(a) On parole; (b) On probation; (c) On post-prison supervision." Counties may opt-out of community supervision, but only if state funding falls below baseline; currently it does not.

Revenue/Expense Detail

	Proposed General Fund	Proposed Other Funds	Proposed General Fund	Proposed Other Funds
Program Expenses	2008	2008	2009	2009
Personnel	\$226,397	\$11,163,434	\$261,885	\$11,537,984
Contracts	\$750	\$76,614	\$0	\$140,217
Materials & Supplies	\$4,816	\$185,334	\$34,376	\$161,720
Internal Services	\$0	\$1,715,962	\$840	\$1,731,790
Subtotal: Direct Exps:	\$231,963	\$13,141,344	\$297,101	\$13,571,711
Administration	\$777,967	\$0	\$725,715	\$0
Program Support	\$2,077,795	\$418,574	\$2,164,448	\$387,415
Subtotal: Other Exps:	\$2,855,762	\$418,574	\$2,890,163	\$387,415
Total GF/non-GF:	\$3,087,725	\$13,559,918	\$3,187,264	\$13,959,126
Program Total:	\$16,647,643		\$17,146,390	
Program FTE	3.57	120.43	4.00	120.00
Program Revenues				
Indirect for dep't Admin	\$699,394	\$0	\$673,529	\$0
Fees, Permits & Charges	\$0	\$890,351	\$0	\$928,700
Intergovernmental	\$0	\$12,250,993	\$0	\$12,643,011
Program Revenue for Admin	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
Total Revenue:	\$699,394	\$13,141,344	\$673,529	\$13,571,711

Explanation of Revenues

County General Fund \$297,101; State Department of Corrections (DOC) \$12,567,648; Probation Supervision fees \$915,700; Interstate Compact fees \$10,000; Drug testing fees \$3,000; Federal Project Safe Neighborhood grant \$75,363.

Significant Program Changes

Last year this program was: #50033, Adult Field Services-Felony Supervision