

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

Lead Agency: Community Justice
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Executive Summary

Many of the misdemeanor offenders supervised by Adult Field Services are chronic offenders who have mental health concerns and/or addiction issues which can precipitate their criminal behavior. Misdemeanor Supervision uses evidence-based interventions to address crime-conducive issues, hold offenders accountable and change their behavior. Over 75% of offenders do not re-offend within three years of their offense.

Program Description

Through the use of evidence-based case management practices, Misdemeanor Supervision protects the public and holds offenders accountable to bring about long-term behavioral change. High and medium-risk offenders are monitored by Probation Officers (POs) who apply proportional consequences (including jail sanctions) when necessary to help safeguard community safety.

Sentencing Courts require offenders to receive treatment and other behavior change services which can alter antisocial attitudes. POs are the link for these offenders to access necessary services such as alcohol and drug treatment, mental health counseling, anger management and/or domestic violence counseling to meet supervision conditions.

Supervision includes: case planning and management, office and home visits, surveillance, sanctions for supervision violations, referrals to treatment and counseling programs (to address issues such as addiction), all of which allows the offenders to begin learning non-criminal skills and pro-social behaviors. PO's also provide support to victims and families through referrals to appropriate counseling services and other programs.

Program Justification

This program links with the safety priority. Research shows this balanced approach between supervision, sanctions and behavior change services reduces recidivism, while incarceration alone increases recidivism (Andrews, 1994). This program uses evidence-based practices to hold misdemeanor offenders accountable and reduce their risk to re-offend. Currently, DCJ supervises only certain person-to-person misdemeanor cases. However, this program is consistent with a Streams of Offender model. Misdemeanor supervision is effective: over 75% of Multnomah County misdemeanor probationers do not recidivate within three years of their offense.

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 supervised monthly.	1,220	1,100	1,210	1,200
Outcome	Percent of probationers who did not recidivate.	87.0%	77.0%	87.0%	85.0%

Performance Measure - Description

Recidivism is measured by a three year felony conviction rate. Recidivism data reflect cohorts who entered supervision three years ago. DOC has discontinued reporting misdemeanor recidivism. DCJ R&E ran a sample of 500 misdemeanants to approximate recidivism for this group of offenders.

Legal/Contractual Obligation

Although the supervision of misdemeanor cases is not funded by the state, functions are authorized under ORS 137 and 144, and OARs 291-065-0005 through 0007.

Revenue/Expense Detail

	Proposed General Fund	Proposed Other Funds	Proposed General Fund	Proposed Other Funds
Program Expenses	2008	2008	2009	2009
Personnel	\$2,037,779	\$0	\$2,069,222	\$0
Contracts	\$146,696	\$0	\$136,726	\$0
Materials & Supplies	\$55,237	\$0	\$80,552	\$0
Internal Services	\$21,577	\$0	\$26,825	\$0
Subtotal: Direct Exps:	\$2,261,289	\$0	\$2,313,325	\$0
Administration	\$132,407	\$0	\$126,318	\$0
Program Support	\$381,407	\$71,067	\$391,248	\$67,275
Subtotal: Other Exps:	\$513,814	\$71,067	\$517,566	\$67,275
Total GF/non-GF:	\$2,775,103	\$71,067	\$2,830,891	\$67,275
Program Total:	\$2,846,170		\$2,898,166	
Program FTE	23.50	0.00	23.00	0.00
Program Revenues				
Other / Miscellaneous	\$584,498	\$0	\$591,500	\$0
Program Revenue for Admin	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
Total Revenue:	\$584,498	\$0	\$591,500	\$0

Explanation of Revenues

County general fund \$2,313,325, plus \$591,500 in jail assessment revenue from Multnomah County Circuit Court deposited in the general fund.

Significant Program Changes

Last year this program was: #50034A, Adult Field Services-Misdemeanor Supervision