

Priority: Safety
Program Offer Type: Existing Operating
Related Programs: 15009, 50032, 50040
Lead Agency: Community Justice
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Program Characteristics:

Executive Summary

Drug diversion Drug Court (STOP) contributes to public safety by providing outpatient treatment and supervision to over 500 adult offenders each year. It is part of the continuum of treatment that contributes to an effective Public Safety system. STOP holds adults charged with illegal drug offenses accountable while providing them an opportunity for treatment. Those who successfully complete treatment and court requirements have their charge dismissed.

Program Description

STOP services adults charged with various drug-related offenses. Multnomah County's Drug Court is one of the oldest of its kind and boasts collaboration among criminal justice partners to expedite the court process and offer opportunity for drug treatment.

The treatment component is operated through Volunteers of America (VOA) which works closely with the court to provide mental health and drug treatment, employment resources, housing referrals, mentoring, residential treatment referrals and long-term follow-up services. Offenders may attend court as frequently as once a week during the first phases of their recovery, decreasing to one time per month as they stabilize and continue progression through treatment.

The Oregon Criminal Justice Commission (CJC) has renewed a one-year grant to STOP to enhance existing clinical services (e.g. residential and intensive outpatient treatment, increased drug testing and temporary housing). The CJC grant funds three residential beds for individuals requiring residential treatment but cannot afford it. The one-year grant is scheduled to expire on June 30, 2008, but may be renewed for an additional year.

Program Justification

There is a well-researched link between substance abuse and criminal behavior. Sixty-six percent of all offenders arrested test positive for illegal drugs (Knight, 2002). Drug diversion links directly to Safety priorities by providing drug treatment assistance, collaborating with public and community agencies to use county resources wisely and holding people accountable for their actions. The program is effective; independent studies show drug diversion (STOP) saves the County approximately \$1,400 per offender and results in reduced arrests (NPC Research 2003). This program has been an effective intervention for a large number of first time offenders.

STOP is expected to net the Department of Community Justice approximately \$500,000 annually through the Department of Corrections supervision formula. A 2006 study conducted by the Washington State Institute for Public Policy reports drug courts reduce recidivism by 10.7%. A ten-year analysis of the STOP Drug Court from 1991 to 2001 published by NPC Research in 2007 showed that STOP reduced re-arrests by 30% compared with eligible defendants who did not go through STOP, and substantially reduced the incidence of drug crimes, even up to 14 years later.

The cost of operating STOP over a 10-year period averaged nearly \$1,400 less per offender than the cost per offender of "business as usual", saving taxpayers over \$9 million. Avoided costs for the same time period (e.g., money saved by lower use of jail beds, fewer crime victims, etc.) saved taxpayers an additional \$7.9 million per year, or \$79 million over a 10-year period (NPC Research 2003).

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 participants served annually.	604	500	550	550
Outcome	Percent of successful completers.	85.0%	85.0%	85.0%	85.0%

Performance Measure - Description

Success rates reported by the contractor are much higher than expected. It is important to note that of the total number of participants exiting the program 72% of them exited "neutral". Neutrals are not taken into consideration when calculating program success rate. DCJ will work with new provider to better understand "neutral" exit criteria.

Legal/Contractual Obligation

Revenue/Expense Detail

	Proposed General Fund	Proposed Other Funds	Proposed General Fund	Proposed Other Funds
Program Expenses	2008	2008	2009	2009
Contracts	\$835,420	\$10,000	\$860,995	\$271,506
Materials & Supplies	\$13,364	\$0	\$13,364	\$0
Internal Services	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$19,536
Subtotal: Direct Exps:	\$848,784	\$10,000	\$874,359	\$291,042
Administration	\$48,059	\$0	\$60,094	\$0
Program Support	\$101,472	\$25,954	\$124,157	\$32,555
Subtotal: Other Exps:	\$149,531	\$25,954	\$184,251	\$32,555
Total GF/non-GF:	\$998,315	\$35,954	\$1,058,610	\$323,597
Program Total:	\$1,034,269		\$1,382,207	
Program FTE	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
Program Revenues				
Indirect for dep't Admin	\$0	\$0	\$14,071	\$0
Fees, Permits & Charges	\$0	\$10,000	\$0	\$7,500
Intergovernmental	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$283,542
Program Revenue for Admin	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
Total Revenue:	\$0	\$10,000	\$14,071	\$291,042

Explanation of Revenues

County General Fund \$874,359; Drug Diversion fees \$7,500; Criminal Justice Commission grant \$283,542

Significant Program Changes

Last year this program was: #50044, Addiction Services-Adult Drug Court Program

This program offer is being submitted outside of general fund constraint. If the program is included in the Adopted Budget for 2009, the County will receive the Criminal Justice Commission STOP grant. This budget assumes that the grant will go away if the general fund budget is not in the final appropriation.