

Priority: Safety **Lead Agency:** Community Justice
Program Offer Type: Innovative/New Program **Program Contact:** Scott Taylor
Related Programs: 50028, 50031, 50032, 50033, 50034, 50035, 50036, 50037

Program Characteristics:

Executive Summary

Research has shown offender behavior change requires a balance of supervision, services and sanctions. A recent Vera Institute study dated December 2007 shows alternative sanctions have a greater impact on offender behavior than jail beds alone. Other studies demonstrate Day Reporting Centers, Community Service and other program-based sanctions result in a decrease in recidivism.

Program Description

Sanctions are imposed by PPOs to address supervision violations. Typically, these violations are not new crimes. Sanctions are used to hold offenders accountable and promote offender behavior change. To be effective, a continuum of sanctioning options ranging from least intrusive to incarceration is needed. A range of options allows the PPO to impose a sanction equal to the severity of the violation. A recent (2007) VERA institute study found the most common sanction imposed is jail.

Due to budget cuts over the last several years, DCJ has been forced to modify available community sanctioning options, sometimes reducing capacities of programs or eliminating them entirely. As a result offenders are not able to enter and complete sanctions in a timely manner.

This program offer will enable DCJ to provide immediate access to Day Reporting Center (DRC), Community Service (CS) and Electronic Monitoring (EM) for offenders who would have otherwise been sanctioned to jail.

Program Justification

Jail beds are the most expensive sanctioning option available for PPOs and have been shown to be the least effective option for changing offender behavior. Because of the high cost, jail beds should remain available for the highest risk offenders who cannot be managed successfully in the community. In other instances, offender behavior change can be achieved through the use of sanction alternatives to jail, as described above, provided the sanctions are imposed in a swift and sure manner.

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 | | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| Outcome | | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 |

Performance Measure - Description

This is a new program and has not yet produced measurable data.

Legal/Contractual Obligation**Revenue/Expense Detail**

| | Proposed General Fund | Proposed Other Funds | Proposed General Fund | Proposed Other Funds |
|---------------------------|-----------------------|----------------------|-----------------------|----------------------|
| Program Expenses | 2008 | 2008 | 2009 | 2009 |
| Personnel | \$0 | \$0 | \$432,453 | \$0 |
| Contracts | \$0 | \$0 | \$25,000 | \$0 |
| Materials & Supplies | \$0 | \$0 | \$3,660 | \$0 |
| Internal Services | \$0 | \$0 | \$9,000 | \$0 |
| Subtotal: Direct Exps: | \$0 | \$0 | \$470,113 | \$0 |
| Administration | \$0 | \$0 | \$5,241 | \$0 |
| Program Support | \$0 | \$0 | \$63,936 | \$0 |
| Subtotal: Other Exps: | \$0 | \$0 | \$69,177 | \$0 |
| Total GF/non-GF: | \$0 | \$0 | \$539,290 | \$0 |
| Program Total: | \$0 | | \$539,290 | |
| Program FTE | 0.00 | 0.00 | 6.00 | 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:

New program offer