

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

Lead Agency: Community Justice
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Executive Summary

Studies have shown that if young people can successfully leave a gang within a year or two of joining, they are likely to avoid a variety of negative life outcomes, including chronic reoffending (Greene and Pranis, 2007). The Gang Resource Intervention Team (GRIT) supervises approximately 250 high risk gang affiliated youth offenders. GRIT's work promotes public safety by reducing juvenile crime, preventing disproportionate numbers of minority youth from entering a correctional facility and assisting youth gang members and high risk youth of color change their lives. In FY2008, 84% of GRIT clients did not reoffend.

Program Description

GRIT provides probation supervision to high risk, gang-involved delinquents using strategies that are tailored to each youth's problems, strengths, needs, culture and environmental influences. Public safety requires diverse community collaboration. The Department collaborates with the Department of County Human Services' (DCHS) Youth Gang Prevention Program to provide resources for families and communities that intervene in the lives of gang related youth. GRIT partners with the police, adult parole and probation officers and the community to gather intelligence that helps dismantle gang activity. Juvenile probation officers develop individual Probation Case Plans that establish enforceable expectations and address victim restitution.

Along with holding gang youth accountable through specialized supervision and sanctions, GRIT coordinates treatment (e.g. mental health and drug abuse) and interventions designed to address anti-social behavior. Skill building, mentorship, educational advocacy, and the incorporation of positive age-appropriate activities are also used to counter gang involvement.

Program Justification

Gang activity continues to be a major concern in Multnomah County. GRIT focuses on the highest risk offenders, utilizing evidence based interventions to hold youth accountable for their actions. These interventions include: intensive family-based counseling, specialized youth treatment, employment training opportunities, positive peer influences and community support systems.

Performance Measures

Measure Type	Primary Measure	Previous Year Actual (FY07-08)	Current Year Purchased (FY08-09)	Current Year Estimate (FY08-09)	Next Year Offer (FY09-10)
Output	Number of youth served by GRIT annually	266	265	220	265
Outcome	Percent of GRIT youth who did not recidivate within one year of probation exit	84.0%	80.0%	80.0%	86.0%

Performance Measure - Description

Number of youth served by GRIT annually calculated from monthly Counseling Reports. This year's offer included combined counts from the North office and GRIT, due to reorganization.

Legal/Contractual Obligation

Revenue/Expense Detail

	Proposed General Fund	Proposed Other Funds	Proposed General Fund	Proposed Other Funds
Program Expenses	2009	2009	2010	2010
Personnel	\$619,978	\$289,336	\$384,390	\$611,968
Contracts	\$5,165	\$458,932	\$200,000	\$397,565
Materials & Supplies	\$12,401	\$619	\$14,077	\$11,541
Internal Services	\$104,594	\$54,144	\$92,814	\$93,068
Subtotal: Direct Exps:	\$742,138	\$803,031	\$691,281	\$1,114,142
Administration	\$89,883	\$27,166	\$118,212	\$29,321
Program Support	\$284,993	\$0	\$373,959	\$0
Subtotal: Other Exps:	\$374,876	\$27,166	\$492,171	\$29,321
Total GF/non-GF:	\$1,117,014	\$830,197	\$1,183,452	\$1,143,463
Program Total:	\$1,947,211		\$2,326,915	
Program FTE	6.97	3.03	4.15	6.36
Program Revenues				
Indirect for dep't Admin	\$38,998	\$0	\$65,967	\$0
Intergovernmental	\$0	\$803,031	\$0	\$1,114,142
Program Revenue for Admin	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
Total Revenue:	\$38,998	\$803,031	\$65,967	\$1,114,142

Explanation of Revenues

General Fund \$691,281; State Oregon Youth Authority Gang Transition (OYA GTS) funds \$523,759; OYA East Metro Enforcement Team \$434,698; Federal Juvenile Accountability Block Grant \$55,685; OCCF Disproportionate Minority Grant \$100,000

Significant Program Changes

Last year this program was: #50013, Juvenile Gang Resource Intervention Team (GRIT)