

Lead Agency: Community Justice

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Program Offer Type: Support

Related Programs:

Program Characteristics:

Executive Summary

The Court Appearance Notification System (CANS) is a collaborative, multi-jurisdictional program designed to reduce offenders' rate of failure to appear (FTA) in court. Reducing FTAs is accomplished through the use of automated telephone reminders for appointments. The automated system also alerts offenders of payments due on restitution and supervision fees. As a result of the thousands of notifications made by CANS for the first half of FY 2012, there was a 92% average appearance rate in court for offenders who were successfully notified by CANS. CANS regularly monitors and reports program performance to the Local Public Safety Coordinating Council (LPSCC) and the Criminal Justice Advisory Committee (CJAC).

Program Description

CANS works by reminding defendants of: a) upcoming court hearing dates, times and locations; and b) any outstanding restitution, compensatory and/or supervision fees. CANS is a collaborative effort of the State Courts and multiple county public safety agencies. The Department of Community Justice (DCJ) provides management of the project (half time program coordinator) and a vendor contract. The District Attorney's Office provides police training, the State Courts provide information technology support, and both LPSCC and the County Budget Office provide technical assistance.

FTAs incur substantial costs to the various enforcement agencies for re-arrest, re-booking, additional jailing, additional prosecution, increased matrix releases and increased backlog of warrant entries. This program demonstrates effective agency collaboration, fiscal responsibility and efficient use of the criminal justice system.

Performance Measures

Measure Type	Primary Measure	Previous Year Actual (FY10-11)	Current Year Purchased (FY11-12)	Current Year Estimate (FY11-12)	Next Year Offer (FY12-13)
Output	Percent of circuit court notifications that are successful	0.0%	80.0%	88.0%	90.0%
Outcome	Appearance rate for successful circuit court notifications	0.0%	92.0%	92.0%	90.0%

Performance Measure - Description

There is no data for FY11 due to service interruptions by contractor.

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

	Proposed General Fund	Proposed Other Funds	Proposed General Fund	Proposed Other Funds
Program Expenses	2012	2012	2013	2013
Personnel	\$0	\$0	\$42,272	\$0
Contracts	\$86,000	\$0	\$86,000	\$0
Materials & Supplies	\$597	\$0	\$480	\$0
Internal Services	\$350	\$0	\$0	\$0
Total GF/non-GF:	\$86,947	\$0	\$128,752	\$0
Program Total:	\$86,947		\$128,752	
Program FTE	0.00	0.00	0.50	0.00
Program Revenues				
Total Revenue:	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0

Explanation of Revenues

County General Fund

Significant Program Changes**Last year this program was:**

50007 Adult Court Appearance Notification System

This program offer reflects the addition of a .50 FTE Program Specialist. This was a limited duration position in FY12.