

Lead Agency: Community Justice

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Program Offer Type: Existing Operating

Related Programs:

Program Characteristics:

Executive Summary

By providing reintegration and supportive services for approximately 5,000 offenders per year, 1,200 of which are deemed high risk and violent (including psychopaths, predatory sex offenders and persons with special needs), the Transition Services Unit (TSU) reduces an offender's risk to reoffend. Services provided include housing, access to medical benefits, mental health services and substance abuse treatment. Meeting with the offenders prior to their release ("Reach In") is important because this practice reduces the abscond rate for post-prison releases in Multnomah County.

Program Description

In addition to providing stabilizing services after release, TSU also works with incarcerated offenders to provide re-entry planning up to 120 days prior to their release. This process is facilitated by in-custody interviews, known as "Reach Ins." Potential risks are identified during Reach In sessions, allowing for the development of appropriate supervision plans and preparation for potential road blocks that could impede an offender's successful transition.

Research shows an offender is most likely to reoffend within the community at the time of release from prison (re-entry) due to the culture shock of transitioning from an extremely controlled environment to one that allows and requires people to make decisions for themselves (VERA Institute of Justice 2000). Further data gathered from studies conducted by the Department of Community Justice (DCJ) revealed:

- 1) Offenders who receive TSU services have lower recidivism rates and lower arrest rates than those without services;
- 2) The overall abscond rate of offenders receiving TSU services is only about 5%; and
- 4) 87% of high risk, high need offenders were able to move into stable housing, obtain employment, and complete their GED.

TSU housing provides short- and long-term housing/shelter to 252 high risk and disabled offenders a day using several community contracted agencies. Providing housing to offenders is cost-effective. It costs approximately \$37.37 per day to house an offender in transitional housing, as compared to \$170.00 per day to keep an offender in jail.

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	Number of housing placements made	5,046	3,100	4,872	4,500
Outcome	Percent of offenders with reach-in services who report within 14 days of release	99.0%	99.0%	99.0%	99.0%

Performance Measure - Description

Outcome estimations based on previous year's data.

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	\$1,213,288	\$0	\$0	\$1,437,963
Contracts	\$1,311,236	\$748,652	\$1,168,557	\$479,352
Materials & Supplies	\$117,266	\$191,475	\$261,408	\$29,117
Internal Services	\$95,134	\$61,484	\$11,312	\$189,055
Total GF/non-GF:	\$2,736,924	\$1,001,611	\$1,441,277	\$2,135,487
Program Total:	\$3,738,535		\$3,576,764	
Program FTE	12.00	0.00	0.00	14.00
Program Revenues				
Indirect for dep't Admin	\$46,727	\$0	\$149,614	\$0
Intergovernmental	\$0	\$1,001,611	\$0	\$2,135,487
Total Revenue:	\$46,727	\$1,001,611	\$149,614	\$2,135,487

Explanation of Revenues

County General Fund plus State Department of Corrections (DOC) \$1,990,116. This is the budgeted amount for second half of the FY11-13 biennium. There is some flexibility on how funding is allocated; State Alternative Incarceration Program (AIP) \$55,514. This is the budgeted amount for second half of the FY11-13 biennium; State Second Chance Act Grant \$50,192. This grant also includes a general fund match equal to the grant award amount; US DOJ Family Support for Treatment & Re-entry Success Grant \$39,665. Pass-through to Center for Family Success. Award ends 9/30/2012.

Significant Program Changes

✔ Significantly Changed

Last year this program was: #50037, Adult Transition and Re-Entry Services & 50052 - Adult Offender Housing

This program offer reflects an increase of 3 FTE transferred during FY12 from another program and a decrease of 1 FTE Corrections Counselor in FY13. FY13 Reduction of 29 housing beds effective 9/1/12 due to end of funding from 2nd Chance Act Housing Grant; Closing three houses for Women's Transition Housing.