

Lead Agency: Community Justice
Program Offer Type: Innovative/New Program
Related Programs:
Program Characteristics: Out of Target

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Executive Summary

The Enhanced Bench Probation Program (EB) promotes public safety by monitoring adult offenders on bench probation. This expansion of Enhanced Bench Probation adds as estimated 5,000 additional offenders to the program. EB staff monitor these offenders by tracking each case for police contacts and reporting these contacts to the judge supervising the case. EB staff also collect offender monitoring fees.

Program Description

The expanded Enhanced Bench Probation Program will monitor offenders placed on bench probation at the request of the judge. The most common offenses for people placed on bench probation are drug offenses, theft, minor assaults, disorderly conduct, and criminal mischief. This program is strongly supported by Multnomah County judges, who currently do not have sufficient staff to respond to all of the offenders currently serving a bench probation.

DCJ's ability to monitor additional offenders will be augmented through the use of the latest technology using web and phone based communication. People on EB can report in from any phone, reminders can be sent electronically to offenders to improve compliance with the requirements of supervision, and compliance information can also be sent directly from treatment providers to DCJ using web-based technology. On a regular basis, reports will be sent to the court with compliance information from the electronic reporting system.

Defendants monitored by EB are also entered into the statewide computer system known as the Law Enforcement Data System (LEDS) following their conviction. Police contact will generate an electronic notification sent to EB staff directly from law enforcement. An EB staff member researches the nature of the contact and sends a report to the supervising judge. Reports to the court will include information regarding law enforcement contact that reveals new criminal activity; and/or when an offender exhibits behaviors as reported by law enforcement which appear to constitute a significant danger to public safety.

The ability of the EB unit to monitor the activities of offenders allows the courts to effectively supervise these cases and address violations in a timely manner. EB is instrumental in holding bench probation clients accountable by serving as a connection between law enforcement, probationers, and the courts.

Performance Measures

Measure Type	Primary Measure	Previous Year Actual (FY11-12)	Current Year Purchased (FY12-13)	Current Year Estimate (FY12-13)	Next Year Offer (FY13-14)
Output	Number of offenders served annually	0	0	0	5,000
Outcome	Percent of offenders whose cases successfully close	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%	83.0%

Performance Measure - Description

New program offer.

Legal/Contractual Obligation

Revenue/Expense Detail

	Proposed General Fund	Proposed Other Funds	Proposed General Fund	Proposed Other Funds
Program Expenses	2013	2013	2014	2014
Personnel	\$0	\$0	\$100,000	\$233,076
Contracts	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$75,000
Materials & Supplies	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$1,040
Internal Services	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$35,239
Total GF/non-GF:	\$0	\$0	\$100,000	\$344,355
Program Total:	\$0		\$444,355	
Program FTE	0.00	0.00	0.96	3.04
Program Revenues				
Indirect for dep't Admin	\$0	\$0	\$28,562	\$0
Fees, Permits & Charges	\$0	\$0	\$28,562	\$344,355
Total Revenue:	\$0	\$0	\$57,124	\$344,355

Explanation of Revenues

County General Fund which includes Department Indirect Revenue of \$28,562 based on indirect rate of 9.24% of total allowable expenditures in this program offer plus Enhanced Bench Probation fees \$344,355. Fees are set by and ordered by the Circuit Court as a condition of Enhanced Bench Probation and payable to DCJ for monitoring of the clients.

Significant Program Changes

Last year this program was:

New Program