

Division: Nondepartmental - All Other

Program Characteristics: New Request, One-Time-Only Request

Program Description

Pretrial monitoring programs are essential for managing jail capacity by offering judges viable alternatives to detention. The fundamental goal is to ensure a defendant's return to court and ability to remain in the community without new arrests or jeopardizing community safety. This is accomplished by monitoring their compliance with court-ordered release conditions. Historically, the County's programs have relied heavily on monitoring involving frequent check-ins, compliance reviews, and warrants for technical violations.

To enhance effectiveness and better achieve the goals of court appearance and community safety, a critical shift is needed to establish a supportive pretrial structure. Beyond increasing court appearances, pretrial services represent a vital opportunity to engage, or re-engage, individuals with necessary services. This program will fund viable pretrial monitoring with the fundamental goals of timely court case resolution, supportive services, and the critical need to reduce detention, manage limited jail capacity, and address victim and community safety.

This program is designed to fund monitoring services and the transition of monitoring responsibilities from the County to the Multnomah County Circuit Court. Funds are intended to support monitoring functions, material support to help successful court appearance, and the development of a clear pathway to connect individuals on pretrial release to existing County services. A percentage of funds should be reserved for victim/survivor services.

Equity Statement

Without an effective pretrial program, judges may choose to hold individuals more frequently on security, known as cash bail. Those who cannot afford the security amount set by judges are disproportionately subjected to pretrial detention, creating a system of profound inequity.

Revenue/Expense Detail

	2026 General Fund	2026 Other Funds	2027 General Fund	2027 Other Funds
Contractual Services	\$0	\$0	\$1,000,000	\$0
Total GF/non-GF	\$0	\$0	\$1,000,000	\$0
Total Expenses:	\$0		\$1,000,000	
Program FTE	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
Total Revenue	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0

Performance Measures

Performance Measure	FY25 Actual	FY26 Estimate	FY27 Target
Number of clients referred to pretrial monitoring	N/A	N/A	4,500
Percent of monitoring cases closed without failing to appear to court or receiving a new charge	N/A	N/A	75%