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Program Offer Type: Existing Operating Program **Program Offer Stage:** As Adopted
Related Programs:
Program Characteristics:

Executive Summary

The greatest racial and ethnic disparities in the Multnomah County juvenile justice system occurs at the point of referral from law enforcement. This data led JSD and our system partners to focus on and apply culturally-specific early intervention services. The Community Healing Initiative (CHI) Early Intervention and Prevention Programs are a community based and family-focused effort designed to prevent and reduce delinquency, address root causes, and augment community safety and connection. Culturally specific nonprofits provide services, supports, and referrals calibrated to the level of risk and family needs for youth.

Program Summary

The Community Healing Initiative (CHI) is an emerging and innovative overarching best practice for preventing and reducing juvenile justice involvement and addressing racial and ethnic disparities. At the community level, CHI is essential to building capacity and safety in communities of color. All youth who have committed lower level offenses that qualify for the CHI Early Intervention program are referred to community-based providers that offer risk and needs assessment, care coordination, prosocial programming, and referrals to needed services. Risk and needs are assessed through validated tools and the program uses assertive engagement to focus on those youth with the highest needs. Program Coordinators are assigned to a caseload of youth to develop service plans tailored to meet the individual youth and family situation. School connection/re-connection assistance, counseling, youth development activities (e.g. sports, arts), and parent support/parenting classes are among the most critical areas of needs.

Also included is funding for the CHI Gang Prevention Services provided by culturally specific organizations. Youth of color experience exclusionary school discipline, disconnection from school and a lack of educational attainment at disproportionate rates in Multnomah County. These factors, along with trauma have been cited as contributors to behavioral health challenges, delinquency, and gang involvement in Multnomah County. CHI Prevention Services focus on addressing these root causes for violence with gang impacted youth and their families. These services are aligned with the Multnomah County Strategic Plan to address gang violence based on the Office of Juvenile Justice and Delinquency Prevention (OJJDP) Comprehensive Gang Model Implementation Plan.

The COVID-19 pandemic impacted the operations of this program. CHI providers shifted to virtual outreach and have developed creative ways to continue to stay engaged with the youth and their families.

Performance Measures

Measure Type	Primary Measure	FY21 Actual	FY22 Budgeted	FY22 Estimate	FY23 Offer
Output	Number of CHI Early Intervention youth referred	68	250	100	100
Outcome	Percent of CHI Early Intervention youth engaging in community-based support services	78%	75%	75%	75%
Output	Number of youth who receive gang prevention services	85	125	125	125

Performance Measures Descriptions

Revenue/Expense Detail

	Adopted General Fund	Adopted Other Funds	Adopted General Fund	Adopted Other Funds
Program Expenses	2022	2022	2023	2023
Contractual Services	\$321,598	\$220,000	\$379,293	\$232,311
Total GF/non-GF	\$321,598	\$220,000	\$379,293	\$232,311
Program Total:	\$541,598		\$611,604	
Program FTE	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00

Program Revenues				
Intergovernmental	\$0	\$220,000	\$0	\$232,311
Total Revenue	\$0	\$220,000	\$0	\$232,311

Explanation of Revenues

County General Fund plus

\$232,311 a portion of grant agreement with Oregon Dept. of Education, Youth Development Division Juvenile Crime Prevention program. Total grant agreement is \$896,360 07/01/2021 – 06/30/2023. Funding supports provision of high-risk Juvenile Crime Prevention Services that reduce rates of juvenile arrests and recidivism. FY 2023 budget is 51% allocation for the 2nd year of 2021-23 grant agreement.

Significant Program Changes

Last Year this program was: FY 2022: 50067 CHI Early Intervention & Youth Gang Prevention Services

Contractual Services (General Funds) - Increase of \$57,695, added \$50,000 for Community Violence Prevention HEAT Program Curriculum and during general fund constraint balancing.

Contractual Services (Other Funds) - Increase of \$12,311 due to 2nd half of biennium budget (51%).