



**Program #50024 - Adult Mental Health Unit - Supervision and Treatment** FY 2024 Department Requested

**Department:** Community Justice **Program Contact:** Lonnie Nettles  
**Program Offer Type:** Existing **Program Offer Stage:** Department Requested  
**Related Programs:**  
**Program Characteristics:** In Target

**Executive Summary**

The Mental Health Unit (MHU) provides probation, parole, and post-prison supervision services for individuals who have been diagnosed with a severe and persistent mental illness. MHU works in collaboration with a variety of community partners including but not limited to the Multnomah County Sheriff’s Office, the Courts, Mental Health and Addiction Services, Health Department, the Local Public Safety Coordinating Committee (LPSCC), Oregon Department of Corrections (DOC), Portland Police Bureau, treatment providers, and community groups that work with this population.

**Program Description**

MHU works to decrease the likelihood that individuals with severe behavioral health issues will be incarcerated or hospitalized. MHU increases community safety and minimizes individual contact with the criminal justice system with targeted community-based treatment and case management coupled with supervision from specially trained Parole-Probation Officers (PPOs). The goal of MHU is to reduce recidivism, enhance community safety, and support individuals experiencing significant behavioral health needs in achieving long-term stabilization and improved functioning.

MHU performs the following:

- 1) Improves access to appropriate services for people with severe mental illness who are at high risk of criminal justice involvement;
- 2) Assists individuals in achieving an improved quality of life outside of jails, prisons and hospitals; and
- 3) Provides ongoing monitoring and surveillance.

This program supports public safety by providing supervision and case management functions. PPOs provide skill training to individuals to help them change thinking and behaviors that can lead to continued criminal justice involvement. Treatment and case management is provided to high and medium risk individuals to help them stabilize their mental health symptoms and connect them to long term care in the community.

The Mental Health Unit has been conducting enhanced community outreach since May 2021 in an effort to reach justice-involved individuals who are experiencing homelessness. Their outreach van recorded over 4000 contacts with individuals in 2022.

**Performance Measures**

Measure Type	Primary Measure	FY22 Actual	FY23 Budgeted	FY23 Estimate	FY24 Offer
Output	Number of adults served annually	495	500	500	500
Outcome	Percent of adults convicted of misdemeanor or felony within 1 year of supervision start date	10%	7%	7%	7%

**Performance Measures Descriptions**

The COVID-19 pandemic impacted the justice system by slowing Court processes. DCJ is experiencing the backlog of court cases, and as a result, more individuals are being placed on probation. The pandemic increased pressure on the scarce housing supply and DCJ has seen the percentage of individuals supervised by the MHU who are homeless climb considerably. Community based mental health and substance abuse resources have also been less available.

Revenue/Expense Detail

	Adopted General Fund	Adopted Other Funds	Department Requested General Fund	Department Requested Other Funds
<b>Program Expenses</b>	<b>2023</b>	<b>2023</b>	<b>2024</b>	<b>2024</b>
Personnel	\$1,731,833	\$0	\$1,795,700	\$0
Contractual Services	\$1,278,053	\$200,181	\$1,307,159	\$210,190
Materials & Supplies	\$0	\$59,670	\$0	\$0
<b>Total GF/non-GF</b>	<b>\$3,009,886</b>	<b>\$259,851</b>	<b>\$3,102,859</b>	<b>\$210,190</b>
<b>Program Total:</b>	<b>\$3,269,737</b>		<b>\$3,313,049</b>	
<b>Program FTE</b>	11.00	0.00	11.00	0.00

Program Revenues				
Intergovernmental	\$0	\$259,851	\$0	\$210,190
<b>Total Revenue</b>	<b>\$0</b>	<b>\$259,851</b>	<b>\$0</b>	<b>\$210,190</b>

Explanation of Revenues

County General Fund plus \$210,190 from Oregon Criminal Justice Commission (CJC), Specialty Courts Grant Program. Funding supports Multnomah County Mental Health Court for individuals struggling with substance use disorder recidivism through outcomes by way of interdisciplinary team collaboration, court directed treatment, and compliance. FY 2024 budget assumes the same FY 2023 funding from OR CJC with modification on County's FY 2023 current service level.

Significant Program Changes

Last Year this program was: FY 2023: 50024 Adult Mental Health Unit - Supervision and Treatment

The cost of licensing for the SPROKIT program was cut for FY 2024 (\$59,670)