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Program Offer Type: Existing Operating Program **Program Offer Stage:** As Proposed
Related Programs:
Program Characteristics: Backfill State/Federal/Grant

Executive Summary

The Restitution Recovery Program (RRP) upholds the rights of crime victims as embodied in Oregon law by investigating the economic loss to victims and ensuring that such losses are accurately and properly presented to the court. The Program assists Deputy District Attorneys in determining the legal sufficiency requirements for court-ordered restitution, and works with community partners to improve the prompt payment of restitution to victims of crime in Multnomah County.

Program Summary

Since the Restitution Recovery Program (RRP) was established in late 2011, this office has improved efforts to include the right to restitution as a priority by implementation uniform standards across trial units, checkpoints throughout the case life-cycle, and statistical gathering mechanisms. These practices ensure that all victims will have the opportunity to request restitution and assert their rights under Oregon law. Because loss amounts are fully investigated early in the life of the case, the program has increased efficiency across the court system by eliminating or sharply reducing the number of costly restitution-related court set overs.

This program has also allowed for system-wide improvements in enforcing court-ordered restitution by improving communication, collaboration, and education among system partners. For example, this program worked to establish a restitution package which the court can now order at sentencing or probation violation hearings. The package provides direction to defendants by allowing for the establishment of clear and appropriate terms of payment.

Since the projects inception, the Multnomah County District Attorney's Office has more than doubled the rate of victim contact on cases where restitution is at issue. In calendar year 2013, the RRP assisted nearly 3,000 victims seeking to collect restitution, resulting in the identification of over \$7,000,000 in restitution-eligible losses.

Performance Measures

Measure Type	Primary Measure	FY13 Actual	FY14 Purchased	FY14 Estimate	FY15 Offer
Output	Number of victims contacted in an effort to document losses	1,620	3,000	2,500	2,500
Outcome	Amount of money requested by victims seeking court-ordered restitution	\$8,890,000	\$7,000,000	\$7,000,000	\$5,500,000

Performance Measures Descriptions

Output - The number victims contacted in an effort to document losses associated with criminal activity.

Outcome - The percentage increase in number of victims contacted over the number prior to starting pilot project.

Revenue/Expense Detail

	Proposed General Fund	Proposed Other Funds	Proposed General Fund	Proposed Other Funds
Program Expenses	2014	2014	2015	2015
Personnel	\$0	\$197,463	\$148,549	\$0
Internal Services	\$0	\$14,138	\$0	\$0
Total GF/non-GF	\$0	\$211,601	\$148,549	\$0
Program Total:	\$211,601		\$148,549	
Program FTE	0.00	2.50	1.50	0.00

Program Revenues				
Indirect for Dept. Admin	\$9,873	\$0	\$0	\$0
Intergovernmental	\$0	\$211,601	\$0	\$0
Total Revenue	\$9,873	\$211,601	\$0	\$0

Explanation of Revenues

Significant Program Changes

Last Year this program was: 15005C Victims Assistance - Restitution

This program has been reduced by 1.00 FTE with the elimination of one Legal Assistant I.