

### Program #50017 - Adult Recog Program

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**Department:** Community Justice **Program Offer Type: Existing Operating Program** Program Offer Stage: As Requested

**Related Programs:** 

Program Characteristics: In Target

## **Executive Summary**

By assessing a defendant's probability to appear for court hearings and/or reoffend if released from custody, the Adult Recognizance (Recog) unit performs functions critical to the effective operation of the local justice system. If a defendant is determined to likely appear for court hearings and are low risk to commit crimes while released, he/she is released. This process allows for scarce jail beds to be reserved for higher risk defendants.

## **Program Summary**

The Recog unit is a 24-hour, seven-day-a-week program housed in the County jail. Recog staff interview all defendants with a pending Multnomah County charge. Defendants charged with felonies and/or person-to-person misdemeanor crimes are subject to a full criminal history and warrant check in addition to a risk screening. This process takes approximately one hour per defendant and provides a comprehensive, objective and valid system for release decisions based upon victim and community safety in addition to the defendant's flight risk.

The screening tool used to guide Recog staff has been validated by an independent research group. The results of that study have been approved by the Community Justice Advisory Council. By administering this process, the Recog program allows lower risk defendants the ability to maintain pro-social conditions such as employment and housing. The Recog interview assists the court with release decisions for those defendants that are ineligible for release by Recog staff.

Recog serves as a 24-hour link between local law enforcement agencies and Parole/Probation officers (PPO) by coordinating the process of holding parole and probation violators in jail and providing after-hours information on high risk individuals who are on electronic monitoring. Recog is a system response and collaborative effort with the Courts. Recog helps to alleviate the use of jail beds for the identified offenders, thereby reserving space for higher risk offenders.

Performance Measures									
Measure Type	Primary Measure	FY13 Actual	FY14 Purchased	FY14 Estimate	FY15 Offer				
Output	Number of cases processed annually	36,000	36,000	37,000	37,000				
Outcome	Percent of interviewed defendants who return to court	78%	80%	76%	80%				

#### **Performance Measures Descriptions**

## Revenue/Expense Detail

	Proposed General Fund	Proposed Other Funds	Proposed General Fund	Proposed Other Funds
Program Expenses	2014	2014	2015	2015
Personnel	\$1,452,442	\$0	\$1,457,648	\$0
Contractual Services	\$4,324	\$0	\$4,361	\$0
Materials & Supplies	\$8,405	\$0	\$8,480	\$0
Total GF/non-GF	\$1,465,171	\$0	\$1,470,489	\$0
Program Total:	ram Total: \$1,465,171		\$1,470,489	
Program FTE	15.00	0.00	15.00	0.00

Program Revenues							
Total Revenue	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0			

# **Explanation of Revenues**

County General Fund

# **Significant Program Changes**

Last Year this program was: 50031 Adult Recog Program