

Department: Community Justice **Program Contact:** Jay Scroggin

Program Offer Type: Existing Operating Program **Program Offer Stage:** As Adopted

Related Programs:
Program Characteristics:
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 | FY14 Actual | FY15 Purchased | FY15 Estimate | FY16 Offer |
|--------------|---|-------------|----------------|---------------|------------|
| Output | Number of cases processed annually | 36,968 | 37,000 | 36,000 | 36,000 |
| Outcome | Percent of interviewed defendants who return to court | 81% | 80% | 81% | 80% |

Performance Measures Descriptions

FY14 measures reflect court events July 1, 2013 - April 30, 2014 due to e-Court system upgrades.

Revenue/Expense Detail

| | Proposed General Fund | Proposed Other Funds | Proposed General Fund | Proposed Other Funds |
|------------------------|-----------------------|----------------------|-----------------------|----------------------|
| Program Expenses | 2015 | 2015 | 2016 | 2016 |
| Personnel | \$1,465,423 | \$0 | \$1,512,617 | \$0 |
| Contractual Services | \$4,361 | \$0 | \$3,941 | \$0 |
| Materials & Supplies | \$8,480 | \$0 | \$8,480 | \$0 |
| Total GF/non-GF | \$1,478,264 | \$0 | \$1,525,038 | \$0 |
| Program Total: | \$1,478,264 | | \$1,525,038 | |
| 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: FY 2015: 50017 Adult Recog Program