

**Program #50017 - Adult Recog Program**

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**Department:** Community Justice                                 **Program Contact:** Jay Scroggin  
**Program Offer Type:** Existing Operating Program                                 **Program Offer Stage:** As Proposed  
**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
<b>Total GF/non-GF</b>	<b>\$1,478,264</b>	<b>\$0</b>	<b>\$1,525,038</b>	<b>\$0</b>
<b>Program Total:</b>	<b>\$1,478,264</b>		<b>\$1,525,038</b>	
<b>Program FTE</b>	15.00	0.00	15.00	0.00

Program Revenues				
<b>Total Revenue</b>	<b>\$0</b>	<b>\$0</b>	<b>\$0</b>	<b>\$0</b>

Explanation of Revenues

County General Fund

Significant Program Changes

Last Year this program was: FY 2015: 50017 Adult Recog Program