

Department: Community Justice **Program Contact:** Wende Jackson
Program Offer Type: Existing Operating Program **Program Offer Stage:** As Proposed
Related Programs:
Program Characteristics:

Executive Summary

The adult Recognizance (Recog) unit and Pretrial Services Program (PSP) unit both perform functions necessary for public safety and the effective operation of the local justice system. By assessing a defendant’s probability to appear in court or re-offend and conducting interviews and assessments to determine release eligibility, the Recog and Pretrial units allow for scarce jail beds to be reserved for higher risk justice involved adults.

Program Summary

The Recog unit is a 24-hour, seven day a week program that is housed at the County Jail. From expedited release for low risk defendants, to detention holds, to in depth custody placement, Recog staff have the knowledge, expertise, and tools necessary to make preliminary decisions in the best interest of the community. They interview defendants who have a pending Multnomah County charge, which in turn provides a comprehensive, objective, and valid system for release decisions based on victim and community safety along with the defendant’s flight risk. Defendants charged with felonies and/or person-to-person misdemeanor crimes are subject to a full criminal history and warrant check in addition to the standard risk screening.

The screening tool used to guide Recog staff has been validated by an independent research group and the results of that study have been approved by the Community Justice Advisory Council. In addition to evaluating the likelihood of appearing in court and risk for committing a new crime, Recog staff assist the court with release decisions for defendants that are ineligible for release by Recog staff. The unit serves as a 24-hour link between law enforcement agencies and Parole-Probation officers, 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.

The primary mission of the PSP unit is to evaluate the risk of releasing defendants prior to trial, to monitor defendants in the community and to ensure that defendants attend court hearings. PSP staff use evidence based criteria during their investigations to determine whether or not a defendant is likely to pose a safety risk or further is likely to attend subsequent court hearings. The results of these investigations are presented back to the Court when necessary. When the defendant is released under PSP supervision, the assigned case manager monitors the defendant’s behavior and actions through office visits, telephone contacts and in some instances, electronic and Global Positioning Software (GPS) is used.

Performance Measures					
Measure Type	Primary Measure	FY17 Actual	FY18 Purchased	FY18 Estimate	FY19 Offer
Output	Number of recog cases processed annually	28,585	32,000	28,585	29,000
Outcome	Percent of recog cases interviewed	35%	35%	35%	35%

Performance Measures Descriptions

Revenue/Expense Detail

	Proposed General Fund	Proposed Other Funds	Proposed General Fund	Proposed Other Funds
Program Expenses	2018	2018	2019	2019
Personnel	\$3,145,804	\$0	\$2,787,956	\$0
Contractual Services	\$6,642	\$0	\$6,642	\$0
Materials & Supplies	\$29,565	\$0	\$27,291	\$0
Internal Services	\$79,226	\$0	\$84,578	\$0
Total GF/non-GF	\$3,261,237	\$0	\$2,906,467	\$0
Program Total:	\$3,261,237		\$2,906,467	
Program FTE	29.00	0.00	26.00	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 2018: 50018 Adult Recog/Pretrial Supervision Program

This program offer reflects a decrease of 3.00 FTE. During FY 2018, 2.00 FTE Probation/Parole Officers transferred to other DCJ programs (refer # 50014 and 50021). In FY 2019, 1.00 FTE Probation/Parole Officer is cut. This position is vacant.