

**Department:** Community Justice **Program Contact:** Lisa Lewis  
**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 reoffend, 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 24/7 program housed at the Multnomah County Detention Center. 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 attend subsequent court hearings or whether they pose a safety risk. 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) monitoring.

**Performance Measures**

Measure Type	Primary Measure	FY19 Actual	FY20 Budgeted	FY20 Estimate	FY21 Offer
Output	Number of recog cases processed annually	29,834	28,000	30,000	30,000
Outcome	Percent of recog cases interviewed	32%	33%	32%	33%

**Performance Measures Descriptions**

Revenue/Expense Detail

	Adopted General Fund	Adopted Other Funds	Proposed General Fund	Proposed Other Funds
Program Expenses	2020	2020	2021	2021
Personnel	\$2,548,913	\$0	\$2,631,432	\$0
Contractual Services	\$10,842	\$0	\$10,842	\$0
Materials & Supplies	\$23,272	\$0	\$23,634	\$0
Internal Services	\$88,981	\$0	\$95,827	\$0
<b>Total GF/non-GF</b>	<b>\$2,672,008</b>	<b>\$0</b>	<b>\$2,761,735</b>	<b>\$0</b>
<b>Program Total:</b>	<b>\$2,672,008</b>		<b>\$2,761,735</b>	
<b>Program FTE</b>	21.00	0.00	21.00	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 2020: 50018-20 Adult Pretrial Release Services Program (PRSP)