Multnomah County			
Program #50018 - Adult	FY 2024 Department Requested		
Department:	Community Justice	Program Contact:	Lisa Lewis
Program Offer Type:	Existing	Program Offer Stage:	Department Requested
Related Programs:			
Program Characteristics	: In Target		

## **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. The Recog and Pretrial units allow for scarce jail resources to be reserved for higher risk adults by using the Presiding Judges Order and a validated risk instrument to assess a defendant's probability to appear in court or reoffend and to determine release eligibility.

## **Program Description**

The Recog unit is a 24/7 program housed at the Multnomah County Detention Center. Recog staff have the knowledge, expertise, and tools necessary to make preliminary release decisions, which are based on the guidelines in the current Presiding Judge's Order for pretrial release. The program reviews the charges using the Presiding Judges Release Guidelines Order for Overriding Circumstances, which in turn provides a comprehensive and objective system for release decisions. Recog staff also conduct an evidence-based pretrial risk assessment on defendants who have a pending Multnomah County charge, which is meant to assist with decision-making regarding a defendant's conditions of release. Additionally, the Recog unit serves as a 24-hour link between 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.

The primary mission of the PSP unit is to monitor defendants in the community, and to ensure that defendants attend court hearings and not commit new crimes. 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 to the community. When the defendant is released under PSP monitoring, the assigned case manager monitors the defendant's behavior and actions, which is then reported to the Court.

The Recog and PSP units have a significant role in the MacArthur Safety and Justice Challenge, which is currently creating strategies that address the main drivers leading people to be placed in local jail, including release practices that have a disparate impact on Black, Indigenous and/or People of Color (BIPOC), low-income communities, and people struggling with behavioral health and substance abuse issues. These units are working actively with the MacArthur foundation to implement release programming that provide evidence-based actuarial release recommendations.

Measure Type	Primary Measure	FY22 Actual	FY23 Budgeted	FY23 Estimate	FY24 Offer
Output	Number of recog cases processed annually	12,933	12,000	13,500	13,500
Outcome	Percent of recog cases interviewed	53%	50%	60%	60%

	Adopted General Fund	Adopted Other Funds	Department Requested General Fund	Department Requested Other Funds
Program Expenses	2023	2023	2024	2024
Personnel	\$2,708,464	\$0	\$2,947,035	\$0
Contractual Services	\$10,842	\$0	\$10,842	\$0
Materials & Supplies	\$14,810	\$0	\$16,310	\$0
Internal Services	\$107,982	\$0	\$118,409	\$0
Total GF/non-GF	\$2,842,098	\$0	\$3,092,596	\$0
Program Total:	\$2,842	2,098	\$3,092,596	
Program FTE	21.00	0.00	21.00	0.00
Program Revenues				
Total Revenue	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0

County General Fund

## Significant Program Changes

Last Year this program was: FY 2023: 50018 Adult Pretrial Release Services Program (PRSP)