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Program Offer Type:	Existing Operating Program	Program Offer Stage:	As Requested
Related Programs:	50022		
Program Characteristics:	In Target		

Executive Summary

Many property offenses are motivated by substance use disorders. The START (Success through Accountability, Restitution and Treatment) Court program adheres to nationally recognized drug court key components to address addiction by partnering with treatment to hold participants accountable. In an attempt to decrease additional felony convictions and hold people accountable, both the Oregon Department of Corrections and the Oregon Criminal Justice Commission invested monies into comprehensive programming for this population. The funding agencies conduct evaluations of each program and report back to the legislature with the results.

Program Summary

The Department of Community Justice (DCJ) START Court program is committed to a drug court model, engaging a multi-disciplinary team to promote positive outcomes for participants and the community. Intensive supervision, close working partnerships with treatment agencies, and frequent court monitoring ensure comprehensive services and accountability for individuals enrolled in the program.

The START Court program adheres to key components of drug courts to respond to addiction and criminogenic risk factors effectively. The START Court program provides alternative sentencing for downward dispositional cases, and focuses on high risk and high need justice-involved individuals (JII). Comprehensive wrap-around services provided by a variety of stakeholders (Multnomah County Court, the Multnomah County Sheriff's Office, the District Attorney's Office and defense attorneys, treatment, community partners, and DCJ) collaborate to deliver evidence-based practices that produce successful outcomes. Referrals to the START Court program are filtered primarily through the Multnomah County Justice Reinvestment Program (MCJRP), which provides informed sentencing, and is one option for eligible MCJRP cases.

The START policy team has an Equity and Inclusion subcommittee that includes representation from the court, probation, treatment and other team members based on project or discussions. This work is guided by the Racial and Ethnic Disparities (RED) assessment tool and an action plan created as part of the National Drug Court Institute (NDCI) Equity and Inclusion training.

The COVID-19 pandemic impacted operations beginning in March 2020. PPOs had limited in-person visits to address immediate public safety concerns and address high risk behaviors, maintaining contact with JIIs via phone or other virtual options. As state health guidelines and policies became less restrictive in 2022, in-person interactions increased.

Performance Measures

Measure Type	Primary Measure	FY21 Actual	FY22 Budgeted	FY22 Estimate	FY23 Offer
Output	Number of adults in START Court served each year in supervision	179	275	175	175
Outcome	Percent of adults in START Court NOT convicted of a misd. or felony within 1 year of supervision start date	90%	80%	90%	90%

Performance Measures Descriptions

Revenue/Expense Detail

	Adopted General Fund	Adopted Other Funds	Requested General Fund	Requested Other Funds
Program Expenses	2022	2022	2023	2023
Personnel	\$691,495	\$329,846	\$917,403	\$157,247
Contractual Services	\$7,000	\$386,371	\$7,000	\$408,628
Materials & Supplies	\$1,963	\$14,634	\$1,963	\$6,868
Internal Services	\$0	\$32,985	\$0	\$15,725
Total GF/non-GF	\$700,458	\$763,836	\$926,366	\$588,468
Program Total:	\$1,464,294		\$1,514,834	
Program FTE	4.50	2.50	6.00	1.00

Program Revenues				
Intergovernmental	\$0	\$763,836	\$0	\$588,468
Total Revenue	\$0	\$763,836	\$0	\$588,468

Explanation of Revenues

This program generates \$15,725 in indirect revenues.

County General Fund plus \$588,468 which is a portion of OR State Criminal Justice Commission, Specialty Courts Grant Program grant agreement 07/01/2021 through 06/30/2023 to the Multnomah County Drug Court (START) to address the needs and helping justice-involved individuals (JIIs) struggling with substance use disorder through recidivism outcomes with the goal of providing the opportunity to divert JIIs from prison. START stands for Success through Accountability, Restitution and Treatment (START). FY 2023 budget is 51% for the 2nd year of grant agreement.

Significant Program Changes

Last Year this program was: FY 2022: 50030 Adult START Court Program

1.50 FTE Corrections Technicians were approved as part of the Board approved budget modification SUPPDCJ-001-22. DCJ used its indirect revenue to fund these positions in the General Fund. 1.50 FTE Correction Technicians was reduced in the grant due to reduced grant award.