

Program #50030 - Adult Specialty Treatment Courts (START and STEP)
FY 2026 Adopted
Department: Community Justice

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Program Offer Type: Operating

Program Offer Stage: Adopted

Related Programs: 50022

Program Characteristics:
Program Description

The Success through Accountability, Restitution and Treatment (START) Court program is a specialty drug court that provides intensive supervision and frequent court monitoring. It works closely with treatment agencies to ensure comprehensive services, skill development and accountability for individuals enrolled in the program.

The Strategic Treatment and Engagement Program (STEP) Court program is a specialty drug court model that provides non-prison options for eligible individuals charged with Measure 11 offenses. The program is designed to reduce criminal offending through therapeutic and interdisciplinary approaches addressing addiction and other underlying issues without jeopardizing public safety or due process. This program is designed to target and serve defendants who committed Measure 11 offenses/major person crimes with the goal of reducing racial disparities among individuals sentenced to prison.

DCJ collaborates with a variety of stakeholders to deliver these evidence-based models, including:

- Multnomah County Circuit Court
- Law Enforcement
- The District Attorney's Office
- Defense Attorneys
- Community based organizations and treatment providers

Referrals to START Court are filtered primarily through the Multnomah County Justice Reinvestment Program (MCJRP), which provides informed sentencing.

STEP Court uses objective screening criteria and includes equal opportunities for enrollment and participation.

Performance Measures

Measure Type	Performance Measure	FY24 Actual	FY25 Budgeted	FY25 Estimate	FY26 Target
Output	Number of adults in START Court served each year in supervision	146	160	160	200
Outcome	Percent of adults in START Court NOT convicted of a misdemeanor or felony within 1 year of supervision start	97%	90%	95%	95%
Output	Number of adults in STEP Court served each year in supervision	74	75	75	100
Outcome	Percent of adults in STEP Court NOT convicted of a misd. or felony within 1 year of supervision start date	95%	75%	75%	90%

Performance Measures Descriptions

Measures 1 & 2: Metrics were previously reported in FY 2025 Program Offer 50038 (STEP Court Program).

Revenue/Expense Detail

	Adopted General Fund	Adopted Other Funds	Adopted General Fund	Adopted Other Funds
Program Expenses	2025	2025	2026	2026
Personnel	\$882,733	\$581,061	\$894,652	\$808,110
Contractual Services	\$35,702	\$929,424	\$35,702	\$527,114
Materials & Supplies	\$6,477	\$16,236	\$6,477	\$13,187
Internal Services	\$0	\$96,948	\$0	\$121,194
Total GF/non-GF	\$924,912	\$1,623,669	\$936,831	\$1,469,605
Program Total:	\$2,548,581		\$2,406,436	
Program FTE	5.19	3.81	5.00	5.00

Program Revenues				
Intergovernmental	\$0	\$1,623,669	\$0	\$1,469,605
Total Revenue	\$0	\$1,623,669	\$0	\$1,469,605

Explanation of Revenues

This program generates \$121,194 in indirect revenues.

This program is funded by County General Fund plus direct State funding of \$1,469,605 from:

- 1.) The State of Oregon Commission (CJC), Specialty Courts Grant Program for \$904,991
- 2.) The State of Oregon Department of Corrections State Grant In Aid SB1145 for \$564,614

Significant Program Changes

Last Year this program was: FY 2025: 50030 Adult START Court Program

Moved 5.00 FTEs from program offer 50038: Adult STEP Court Program to program offer 50030: Adult Specialty Treatment Courts (START and STEP). The FTEs that were moved include 0.50 FTE Sworn Community Justice Manager, 3.00 FTE Parole and Probation Officers, and 1.00 FTE Corrections Technician.

Other funds for expenses such as contractual services and materials & supplies were also moved program offer 50038: Adult STEP Court Program to program offer 50030: Adult Specialty Treatment Courts (START and STEP).