



Program #50030A - Adult START Court Program FY 2025 Department Requested

Department: Community Justice **Program Contact:** John McVay
Program Offer Type: Operating **Program Offer Stage:** Department Requested
Related Programs: 50022
Program Characteristics: In Target

Executive Summary

The Success through Accountability, Restitution and Treatment (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.

Program Description

Many property offenses are motivated by substance use disorders.

START Court adheres to nationally recognized drug court key components to:

- Provide evidence-based wrap around services
- Address addiction and other high risk, criminal behaviors that keep individuals involved in the criminal justice system
- Partner with the court, treatment providers, and related professionals to hold participants accountable
- Decrease additional felony convictions through alternative sentencing for downward dispositional cases

DCJ collaborate with a variety of stakeholders to deliver this evidence-based model, including:

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

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.

Referrals to START Court are filtered primarily through the Multnomah County Justice Reinvestment Program (MCJRP), which provides informed sentencing. In FY 2023, participants were 33% Black/African American, Indigenous, or people of color. 79% were High or Very High risk.

Performance Measures

Measure Type	Performance Measure	FY23 Actual	FY24 Budgeted	FY24 Estimate	FY25 Target
Output	Number of adults in START Court served each year in supervision	117	160	160	160
Outcome	Percent of adults in START Court NOT convicted of a misd. or felony within 1 year of supervision start date	95%	90%	90%	90%

Performance Measures Descriptions

Revenue/Expense Detail

	Adopted General Fund	Adopted Other Funds	Department Requested General Fund	Department Requested Other Funds
Program Expenses	2024	2024	2025	2025
Personnel	\$973,983	\$165,592	\$885,638	\$139,667
Contractual Services	\$6,500	\$403,302	\$9,887	\$254,773
Materials & Supplies	\$1,963	\$11,868	\$4,903	\$0
Internal Services	\$0	\$16,559	\$0	\$5,712
Total GF/non-GF	\$982,446	\$597,321	\$900,428	\$400,152
Program Total:	\$1,579,767		\$1,300,580	
Program FTE	6.00	1.00	5.19	0.81

Program Revenues				
Intergovernmental	\$0	\$597,321	\$0	\$400,152
Total Revenue	\$0	\$597,321	\$0	\$400,152

Explanation of Revenues

This program generates \$5,712 in indirect revenues. This is part of the County General Fund plus direct State funding of \$400,152 from the awarded grant agreement from Oregon Criminal Justice Commission (CJC), Specialty Courts Grant Program. The grant agreement amount of \$943,624 is for the period 07/01/2023 - 12/31/2025. Funding supports the Multnomah County START Court operation specializing in increasing individual's likelihood of successful rehabilitation through early, continuous, and judicially supervised treatment, mandatory random drug testing, and community supervision; reducing substance use and recidivism among specialty court participants; and embedding equity throughout specialty court processes. Total Multnomah County funding is allocated approximately 84% to Department of Community Justice (DCJ) \$790,612 and 16% to the County District Attorney's office \$153,012. FY 2025 budget is 51% of the 2nd year of DCJ's portion of the awarded grant agreement.

Significant Program Changes

Last Year this program was: FY 2024: 50030 Adult START Court Program

Personnel Costs: In CGF, moved 1.00 FTE Parole and Probation Officer position out to program offer 50016 Survival Skills program via internal budget modification-DCJ-001-24. Then shifted 0.19 FTE from Other Funds to CGF to balance.

FY2024 budget modification DCJ-006-24 adjusted State revenues to final allocations. That action resulted in a \$158,521 reduction in client assistance and START Court contracted support.