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Program Offer Type: Existing Operating Program **Program Offer Stage:** As Adopted
Related Programs:
Program Characteristics:

Executive Summary

High risk African American men and women returning to their communities from prison and placed on supervision are over represented in the criminal justice system. Lack of education, employment experience, supportive housing coupled with returning to communities that may present some of the same anti-social influences have a negative impact on successful reentry into the community.

Program Summary

This program addresses the needs of African American men and women who not only experience the stigma of having felony records but also experience the stigma attached to being African American in our society. The Department of Community Justice (DCJ) works with culturally responsive providers who have demonstrated effectiveness in improving outcomes for African American men and women offenders who are 18 to 45 years of age in the areas of education, employment, cognitive behavioral therapy and family stability. This target population is under supervision with (DCJ) Adult Services Division African American Program and Gang Unit. Providers engage in cognitive behavior therapy, peer mentoring, parenting, employment and educational services designed to change the way people think and behave.

Cognitive interventions are a systematic approach that seeks to overcome difficulties by identifying and changing dysfunctional thinking, behavior and emotional responses. This involves helping offenders develop skills for modifying beliefs, identifying distorted thinking, relating to others in different ways, and changing behaviors. The provider utilizes mentors to assist clients with navigating complex systems such as education and employment. Mentoring helps adults establish stable lives by reducing the chaos brought about by poverty, homelessness, underemployment as well as the effects of incarceration. Gang members have shown an increased willingness to participate in programs that use mentors that have had similar life experiences as their own. The relationship that develops between the mentor and the gang member is a key factor for success.

Offenders assigned to this program are classified as a high risk as scored by the Public Safety Checklist and the LSCMI. They are also identified prior to being released from prison as gang members based on an established set of criteria.

Performance Measures

Measure Type	Primary Measure	FY15 Actual	FY16 Purchased	FY16 Estimate	FY17 Offer
Output	Number of offenders served annually	435	450	404	450
Outcome	Percent of offenders convicted of a misd. or felony within 1 year of supervision start date	NEW	NEW	22%	22%

Performance Measures Descriptions

Measure Changed 2: Expanded Recidivism Definition

Revenue/Expense Detail

	Proposed General Fund	Proposed Other Funds	Proposed General Fund	Proposed Other Funds
Program Expenses	2016	2016	2017	2017
Personnel	\$131,604	\$1,009,396	\$141,729	\$1,038,806
Contractual Services	\$121,872	\$203,055	\$123,822	\$205,960
Materials & Supplies	\$260	\$5,080	\$260	\$5,080
Internal Services	\$0	\$136,242	\$411	\$155,821
Total GF/non-GF	\$253,736	\$1,353,773	\$266,222	\$1,405,667
Program Total:	\$1,607,509		\$1,671,889	
Program FTE	1.00	8.00	1.00	8.00

Program Revenues				
Indirect for Dept. Admin	\$103,247	\$0	\$128,397	\$0
Intergovernmental	\$0	\$1,353,773	\$0	\$1,405,667
Total Revenue	\$103,247	\$1,353,773	\$128,397	\$1,405,667

Explanation of Revenues

County General Fund plus State Department of Corrections (DOC) \$1,405,667. This is the allocation amount for the second half of the 2015-2017 biennium. There is some flexibility on how funding is allocated;

Significant Program Changes

Last Year this program was: FY 2016: 50032-16 Adult Gang and African American Program