

Department: Community Justice

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Program Offer Type: Existing Operating Program

Program Offer Stage: As Requested

Related Programs:
Program Characteristics: In Target

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. DCJ is committed to addressing systemic racism that creates unnecessary barriers for black community members. 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 and gang involved adults. The Department of Community Justice (DCJ) works with culturally responsive providers who have demonstrated effectiveness in improving outcomes for African American justice involved men and women who are 18 to 45 years of age in the areas of education, employment, culturally responsive 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 individuals 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 engaging with pro-social resources, relationships and behavior change.

Individuals assigned to this program are classified as high risk based on their scores 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. Cognitive interventions follow the Habilitation Empowerment Accountability Therapy (HEAT) curriculum, a culturally responsive cognitive behavioral intervention program designed to reflect and address the unique experiences and needs of participants, respectively.

Performance Measures

Measure Type	Primary Measure	FY18 Actual	FY19 Purchased	FY19 Estimate	FY20 Offer
Output	Number of adults served annually	553	500	522	520
Outcome	Percent of adults convicted of a misd. or felony within 1 year of supervision start date	16%	20%	20%	17%

Performance Measures Descriptions

Revenue/Expense Detail

	Proposed General Fund	Proposed Other Funds	Proposed General Fund	Proposed Other Funds
Program Expenses	2019	2019	2020	2020
Personnel	\$151,149	\$1,373,969	\$164,450	\$1,317,994
Contractual Services	\$476,921	\$12,587	\$674,779	\$203,390
Materials & Supplies	\$5,000	\$5,860	\$6,076	\$10,650
Internal Services	\$38,591	\$226,018	\$6,532	\$225,641
Total GF/non-GF	\$671,661	\$1,618,434	\$851,837	\$1,757,675
Program Total:	\$2,290,095		\$2,609,512	
Program FTE	1.00	10.00	1.00	9.00

Program Revenues				
Indirect for Dept. Admin	\$187,547	\$0	\$0	\$0
Intergovernmental	\$0	\$1,618,434	\$0	\$1,757,675
Total Revenue	\$187,547	\$1,618,434	\$0	\$1,757,675

Explanation of Revenues

County General Fund plus 1) \$1,557,915 from State Department of Corrections (DOC) SB1145. Presume FY 2020 funding at same level as FY 2019. 2) \$199,760 from US DOJ BJA for Innovations in Supervision Initiative grant. Funding is to reduce violent recidivism rate for African American males with convictions for violent crimes by refining and expanding the use of the Habilitation, Empowerment, Accountability Therapy (HEAT) curriculum. Award period 10/01/2018 - 9/30/2021.

Significant Program Changes

Last Year this program was: FY 2019: 50032-19 Adult Gang and African American Program

This program offer is decreased by 1.00 FTE Parole-Probation Officer that transferred to another DCJ program during FY 2019 (refer # 50027-20).