

Division: Adult Services Division

Program Characteristics:

Program Description

The Gang Unit provides supervision, sanctions and services to adults on probation and post-prison supervision who are gang-affiliated. The Unit works in close collaboration with public safety partners (specifically Portland and Gresham Police Bureaus and Portland Office of Violence Prevention) as well as community based organizations to promote public safety by holding individuals accountable for their behavior and teaching cognitive behavioral change.

Parole-Probation Officers (PPOs) incorporate current and emerging best practices to deliver supervision centered around building relationships and rapport, with specialized knowledge of PPOs regarding gang affiliation to ensure appropriate specificity in interventions. Strategies are designed to interrupt cycles of multi-generational criminal behavior while addressing violent crime and domestic violence through evidence-based, culturally specific services and case management.

The focus areas are:

- Interrupting negative gang culture
- Encouraging and facilitating education, vocational training and restoration
- Assisting with housing and employment resources
- Strengthening family relationships and promoting positive mentorship

Equity Statement

The Gang Unit advances equity through a relationship-based model tailored to the specific risks and lived experiences of gang-involved individuals. By using specialized caseloads and evidence-based interventions, the program avoids one-size-fits-all responses and reduces systemic bias. Participants from disproportionately impacted communities receive culturally relevant support and cognitive behavioral training to interrupt cycles of violence.

Revenue/Expense Detail

	2026 General Fund	2026 Other Funds	2027 General Fund	2027 Other Funds
Personnel	\$1,387,052	\$154,764	\$960,418	\$622,133
Contractual Services	\$549,549	\$0	\$562,017	\$0
Materials & Supplies	\$5,535	\$0	\$5,535	\$0
Internal Services	\$0	\$32,578	\$0	\$134,257
Total GF/non-GF	\$1,942,136	\$187,342	\$1,527,970	\$756,390
Total Expenses:	\$2,129,478		\$2,284,360	
Program FTE	7.07	0.68	4.54	3.21
Program Revenues				
Intergovernmental	\$0	\$187,342	\$0	\$756,390
Total Revenue	\$0	\$187,342	\$0	\$756,390

Performance Measures

Performance Measure	FY25 Actual	FY26 Estimate	FY27 Target
Number of adults served annually in the gang unit	304	298	300