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**Program Offer Type:** Innovative/New Program      **Program Offer Stage:** As Requested  
**Related Programs:**  
**Program Characteristics:** In Target

### Executive Summary

The Strategic Treatment and Engagement Program (STEP) Court is a specialty court designed to serve defendants charged with certain violent felonies, with a goal of reducing criminal offending through therapeutic and interdisciplinary approaches that address addiction and other underlying issues without jeopardizing public safety or due process. This innovative problem-solving court is the first in Oregon specifically designed to target and serve defendants who committed Measure 11 offenses/major person crimes. STEP Court will focus on disparities in the criminal justice system by providing non-prison options for eligible individuals charged with Measure 11 offenses.

### Program Summary

STEP Court operates under a specialized model to provide court-directed supervision and a wide variety of treatment to violent individuals with substance use, mental health concerns, or cognitive behavioral issues underlying their criminal behavior. This court will follow the problem-solving court model and offer alternative judicial processing for individuals accused of certain violent offenses. The program seeks to reduce both general recidivism and violent crime recidivism using evidence-based approaches, including judicial monitoring and coordination among community and treatment stakeholders. It also follows a process that encourages informed sentencing decision-making and promotes prison diversion if the participant can be safely supervised in the community. STEP Court adheres to professional standards and best practices for specialty court programs.

STEP Court will establish objective screening criteria and include equal opportunities for enrollment and participation. Preliminary demographic information suggests that this problem-solving court will expand and enhance opportunities for Black and African American defendants. Analyzing data will be central to informing future decisions to determine outcome measures by evaluating participant enrollment, retention, and outcomes.

### Performance Measures

Measure Type	Primary Measure	FY21 Actual	FY22 Budgeted	FY22 Estimate	FY23 Offer
Output	Number of adults in STEP Court served each year in supervision	N/A	N/A	N/A	50
Outcome	Percent of adults in STEP Court NOT convicted of a misd. or felony within 1 year of supervision start date	N/A	N/A	N/A	80%

### Performance Measures Descriptions

The STEP court program is a new program, and numerous variables will affect growth.

Revenue/Expense Detail

	Adopted General Fund	Adopted Other Funds	Requested General Fund	Requested Other Funds
Program Expenses	2022	2022	2023	2023
Personnel	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$389,538
Contractual Services	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$394,884
Materials & Supplies	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$6,312
Internal Services	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$59,872
<b>Total GF/non-GF</b>	<b>\$0</b>	<b>\$0</b>	<b>\$0</b>	<b>\$850,606</b>
<b>Program Total:</b>	<b>\$0</b>		<b>\$850,606</b>	
<b>Program FTE</b>	0.00	0.00	0.00	3.00

Program Revenues				
Intergovernmental	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$850,606
<b>Total Revenue</b>	<b>\$0</b>	<b>\$0</b>	<b>\$0</b>	<b>\$850,606</b>

Explanation of Revenues

This program generates \$59,872 in indirect revenues.

1) \$449,410, a portion of Grant-in-Aid SB1145 funding from OR Department of Corrections allocation to Multnomah County per the 2021-23 legislative adopted budget. Funding supports supervision of justice-involved individuals, services, and local sanctions meeting requirements of ORS 423.525. FY 2023 budget is 51% allocation for the 2nd year of 2021-23 biennium budget.

2) \$401,196, portion of a two-year award ending on 06/30/2023 from OR Criminal Justice Commission Specialty Courts Grant Program to fund the Multnomah County Drug (STEP) Court to reduce disparities by targeting Measure 11 person-to-person crimes with the opportunity to positively impact a population that includes a disproportionate number of Black, Indigenous, and/or People of Color (BIPOC) individuals. FY 2023 budget is 51% for the 2nd year of the 2021-23 grant award.

Significant Program Changes

Last Year this program was:

Added 2.00 FTE Parole-Probation Officers and 1.00 Corrections Technician in the supplemental state rebalance SUPPDCJ-001-22 in mid-FY 2022.

The STEP grant is new grant awarded during mid-FY 2022 and the following budget was added to PO 50030 (START Program). Revenue = \$397,714, contracts \$375,423 and materials \$22,291