

Department: Community Justice

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Program Offer Type: Operating

Program Offer Stage: Proposed

Related Programs:
Program Characteristics:
Executive Summary

Strategic Treatment and Engagement Program (STEP) Court is a specialty court model that provides non-prison options for eligible individuals charged with Measure 11 offenses. The program is designed to reduce 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 with the goal of reducing racial disparities among individuals sentenced to prison.

Program Description

STEP Court is a problem-solving court model that consists of five phases. Participants progress through the steps only when they've successfully met the requirements of each phase. Risk and need assessments determine the level of treatment, supervision, court appearances, and other supports each participant needs. After completion of the five phases, participants move into an aftercare program for a minimum of 90 days. Graduates continue to be supervised by the Department of Community Justice until completion of their supervision sentence.

Program goals:

- Reduce both general and violent crime recidivism
- Address underlying criminal risk factors

Program strategies:

- Adherence to professional standards and best practices for specialty court programs
- Judicial monitoring and coordination among community and treatment stakeholders
- Mental health and substance use disorder treatment
- Pro-social skill building
- Informed sentencing
- Prison diversion

STEP Court uses objective screening criteria and includes equal opportunities for enrollment and participation.

In FY 2023, participants were 42% Black/African American, Indigenous, or people of color. 74% 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 STEP Court served each year in supervision	61	75	75	75
Outcome	Percent of adults in STEP Court NOT convicted of a misd. or felony within 1 year of supervision start date	88%	75%	75%	75%

Performance Measures Descriptions

Revenue/Expense Detail

	Adopted General Fund	Adopted Other Funds	Proposed General Fund	Proposed Other Funds
Program Expenses	2024	2024	2025	2025
Personnel	\$0	\$436,215	\$0	\$441,394
Contractual Services	\$25,815	\$405,167	\$25,815	\$468,856
Materials & Supplies	\$1,574	\$6,312	\$1,574	\$16,236
Internal Services	\$0	\$79,958	\$0	\$91,236
Total GF/non-GF	\$27,389	\$927,652	\$27,389	\$1,017,722
Program Total:	\$955,041		\$1,045,111	
Program FTE	0.00	3.00	0.00	3.00

Program Revenues				
Intergovernmental	\$0	\$927,652	\$0	\$1,017,722
Total Revenue	\$0	\$927,652	\$0	\$1,017,722

Explanation of Revenues

This program generates \$91,236 in indirect revenues.

This is part of the County General Fund plus a total of the direct State funding of \$827,722 listed below:

- 1) \$532,630 a portion for Grant in Aid SB1145 from State Department of Corrections allocation of 16.04% to Multnomah County per the 2023-2025 Community Corrections Allocations equal to \$40,472,369. County's allocation is shared among LPSCC, Sheriff, and Dept of Community Justice (DCJ). Funding supports the county community corrections programs meeting the requirements of ORS 423.525 for adults on supervision. Goals of corrections programs include reduction of criminal behavior, providing reparation to victims. FY 2025 budget is DCJ's available balance for the 2nd year.
- 2) \$295,092 2nd year of grant agreement of \$584,612 from Oregon Criminal Justice Commission, Specialty Courts Grant Program. Award period 07/01/2023 – 12/31/2025. Funding supports Multnomah County STEP Court. STEP Court combines treatment for drugs and mental health for Measure 11 offenders, and serves vulnerable/underserved populations that might otherwise be incarcerated at disproportionate rates. The goals include increasing successful rehabilitation, reducing substance use and recidivism and embedding equity court processes. FY 2025 budget is 51% of the 2nd year of the grant.

Significant Program Changes

Last Year this program was: FY 2024: 50038 STEP Court Program

In FY2024 State CJC grant funds for STEP were reduced for contracted services by \$126,649. FY 2025 is year two of that reduced State grant allocation. For FY 2025, \$27,389 in County General Funds for drug test kits and drug test lab were transferred from Program Offer 50011.