



Program #50067 - CHI Early Intervention & Prevention Services **FY 2024 Department Requested**

Department: Community Justice **Program Contact:** Tracey Freeman
Program Offer Type: Existing **Program Offer Stage:** Department Requested
Related Programs:
Program Characteristics: In Target

Executive Summary

The greatest racial and ethnic disparities in the Multnomah County juvenile justice system occurs at the point of referral from law enforcement. This data led JSD and our system partners to focus on and apply culturally-specific early intervention services. The Community Healing Initiative (CHI) Early Intervention and Prevention Programs are a community based and family-focused effort designed to prevent and reduce delinquency, address root causes, and augment community safety and connection. Culturally specific nonprofits provide services, supports, and referrals calibrated to the level of risk and family needs for youth.

Program Description

The Community Healing Initiative (CHI) is an emerging and innovative overarching best practice for preventing and reducing juvenile justice involvement and addressing racial and ethnic disparities. At the community level, CHI is essential to building capacity and safety in communities of color. All youth who have committed lower level offenses that qualify for the CHI Early Intervention program are referred to community-based providers that offer risk and needs assessment, care coordination, prosocial programming, and referrals to needed services. Risk and needs are assessed through validated tools and the program uses assertive engagement to focus on those youth with the highest needs. Program Coordinators are assigned to a caseload of youth to develop service plans tailored to meet the individual youth and family situation. School connection/re-connection assistance, counseling, youth development activities (e.g. sports, arts), and parent support/parenting classes are among the most critical areas of needs.

Also included is funding for the CHI Gang Prevention Services provided by culturally specific organizations. Youth of color experience exclusionary school discipline, disconnection from school and a lack of educational attainment at disproportionate rates in Multnomah County. These factors, along with trauma have been cited as contributors to behavioral health challenges, delinquency, and gang involvement in Multnomah County. CHI Prevention Services focus on addressing these root causes for violence with gang impacted youth and their families. These services are aligned with the Multnomah County Strategic Plan to address gang violence based on the Office of Juvenile Justice and Delinquency Prevention (OJJDP) Comprehensive Gang Model Implementation Plan.

The Portland Police Bureau records department has been experiencing an extreme staff shortage which has affected the number of police reports they are able to process. In June 2022, they reported 26 vacancies in the records unit which resulted in a backlog of 60,000 police reports needing to be processed. The effect has resulted in fewer referrals to community providers during that time, however, we anticipate increased referrals as they process these reports.

Performance Measures

Measure Type	Primary Measure	FY22 Actual	FY23 Budgeted	FY23 Estimate	FY24 Offer
Output	Number of CHI Early Intervention youth referred	71	100	100	100
Outcome	Percent of CHI Early Intervention youth engaging in community-based support services	55%	75%	75%	75%
Output	Number of youth who receive gang prevention services	110	125	125	125

Performance Measures Descriptions

Revenue/Expense Detail

	Adopted General Fund	Adopted Other Funds	Department Requested General Fund	Department Requested Other Funds
Program Expenses	2023	2023	2024	2024
Contractual Services	\$379,293	\$232,311	\$429,445	\$224,079
Total GF/non-GF	\$379,293	\$232,311	\$429,445	\$224,079
Program Total:	\$611,604		\$653,524	
Program FTE	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00

Program Revenues				
Intergovernmental	\$0	\$232,311	\$0	\$224,079
Total Revenue	\$0	\$232,311	\$0	\$224,079

Explanation of Revenues

County General Fund plus \$224,079 a portion of grant agreement with Oregon Dept. of Education (ODE), Youth Development Division Juvenile Crime Prevention program.

Funding supports provision of high-risk Juvenile Crime Prevention Services that reduce rates of juvenile arrests and recidivism. FY 2024 budget is 49% allocation 2021-23 grant agreement assuming the funding will continue, because funding information for 2023-2025 biennium has yet to be provided by ODE.

Significant Program Changes

Last Year this program was: FY 2023: 50067 CHI Early Intervention & Prevention Services