

Program #50019B - Adult Forensics - OTO

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Department: Community Justice

Program Offer Type: Existing Operating Program Program Offer Stage: As Proposed

Related Programs:

Program Characteristics: One-Time-Only Request

Executive Summary

The Department of Community Justice (DCJ) is a National leader in our approach to community supervision. DCJ is often held up as a model of innovation for how we implement evidence based practices that help clients make positive changes. One of the keys to this is being able to analyze digital evidence in our Forensics lab and hold clients accountable for and intervene when necessary to address behavior before it escalates.

Program Summary

The demand for the services of DCJ's Forensics Lab continues to increase. DCJ's Parole & Probation Officers are becoming more knowledgeable about the risks and the necessity to intervene in seizing electronic evidence. This is a tool a PPO may use which can even intervene before new criminal conduct occurs. As our PPO's become more conversant with the technology and the resources of our Lab, they are seizing more electronic evidence. This is creating a backlog in our Lab and as a result it is important to add an additional Examiner to keep up with the workload. One of the potential consequences to a backlog is Officers may choose not to seize and submit electronic evidence if the backlog adds another barrier to their own workload.

One of the keys to DCJ's success is we understand that good supervision requires a balance between helping clients change and our law enforcement function that focuses on preventing our clients from creating additional victims. Parole and Probation officers need this critical information to make best practices decisions about supervision, case planning and interventions.

Due to the increase in requests for services in the Forensic lab, a staffing increase has become inevitable to keep up with the demand. Current backlogs in the lab are approximately twice what can be processed within a reasonable time period. making it essential that the staffing level be increased to provide officers this important service and to assist in keeping our communities safe.

Adding an additional Examiner at this time will improve public safety and assist DCJ in its efforts to intervene early.

Performance Measures								
Measure Type	Primary Measure	FY15 Actual	FY16 Purchased	FY16 Estimate	FY17 Offer			
Output	Number of gigabytes examined annually	NEW	NEW	NEW	15,000			
Outcome	DCJ cases completed	NEW	NEW	NEW	60			
Outcome	Non-DCJ cases completed	NEW	NEW	NEW	20			
Outcome	Number of items examined through forensic analysis	NEW	NEW	NEW	500			

Performance Measures Descriptions

Revenue/Expense Detail

	Proposed General Fund	Proposed Other Funds	Proposed General Fund	Proposed Other Funds
Program Expenses	2016	2016	2017	2017
Personnel	\$0	\$0	\$97,520	\$0
Materials & Supplies	\$0	\$0	\$260	\$0
Total GF/non-GF	\$0	\$0	\$97,780	\$0
Program Total:	\$0		\$97,780	
Program FTE	0.00	0.00	1.00	0.00

Program Revenues							
Total Revenue	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0			

Explanation of Revenues

County General Fund

Significant Program Changes

Last Year this program was: