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Program Offer Stage: Proposed

Program Description

Classification Unit is comprised of specially trained corrections deputies, whose primary function is to determine appropriate housing for Adults In Custody. Housing decisions are made during an in-person interview using an objective jail classification instrument at intake. Updated interviews and evaluations are done throughout the time an Adults In Custody. This process assists in ensuring the safety of all Adults In Custody while supporting efficient management of MCSO's corrections facilities.

The Classification Unit develops housing configurations used to create safe separations for Adults In Custody who have different risk and need levels. Important factors when determining appropriate housing for Adults In Custody include; current charge, previous behavior, as well as risk and programmatic needs. The unit's primary goal is to operate an objective classification system that provides for separations between violent and non-violent offenders and facilitates movement through administrative processes, from the most restrictive housing to the least restrictive housing. This is a critical element to ensure that the jail meets the reasonable standard of care required by the United States Constitution.

Best practice has shown that utilizing an objective classification process is key. This process creates a structure that allows individuals who require special housing or have special needs to be housed in an environment with those of like needs. Adults In Custody who create the potential for compromising safety and security are housed in more restrictive environments with enhanced security as appropriate. The objective classification process is also designed to identify programmatic needs and provide adequate services and programs to assist Adults In Custody in building positive life-skills with the ultimate goal of successful re-entry into the community.

Finally, the Classification Unit is also responsible to provide an in-house disciplinary process that is fair and balanced to maintain proper order in the corrections facilities, as well as to promote human values, individual dignity, and socially desirable changes in attitude and behavior.

The Classification Program:

- Determines the appropriate housing classification for Adults In Custody in Multnomah County jails
- Develops and implements housing configurations that maximize the safety of all in custody

Performance Measures

Measure Type	Performance Measure	FY24 Actual	FY25 Budgeted	FY25 Estimate	FY26 Target
Output	# of Assaults on inmates and staff in Corrections Division	222	210	211	225
Output	Classification Interviews in Reception	13,791	14,000	15,244	15,500

Performance Measures Descriptions

Assault rule violation data is based on number of assaults in MCDC and MCIJ and only for "Medium" and "High" severity incidents. This data is from the Excel spreadsheet maintained by the Hearings Officers. Classification interview and PREA investigation data is pulled from JCS and PREA.

Legal / Contractual Obligation

The Sheriff is mandated by statute to maintain the local detention facility(s) within his jurisdiction. Local Detention Classification mechanisms are mandated to maintain safe and humane detention facilities by Statute and a multitude of case law.

Revenue/Expense Detail

	Adopted General Fund	Adopted Other Funds	Proposed General Fund	Proposed Other Funds
Program Expenses	2025	2025	2026	2026
Personnel	\$4,625,584	\$0	\$4,698,552	\$0
Contractual Services	\$1,000	\$0	\$1,000	\$0
Materials & Supplies	\$19,000	\$0	\$19,000	\$0
Internal Services	\$32,708	\$0	\$41,584	\$0
Total GF/non-GF	\$4,678,292	\$0	\$4,760,136	\$0
Program Total:	\$4,678,292		\$4,760,136	
Program FTE	20.00	0.00	20.00	0.00

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

Explanation of Revenues

Significant Program Changes

Last Year this program was: FY 2025: 60365 Classification