

Division: Corrections Facilities Division

Program Characteristics:

Program Description

The Classification Unit is comprised of specially trained corrections deputies, whose primary function is to determine appropriate housing for Adults In Custody. Housing decisions begin during an in-person interview using an objective jail classification instrument at intake. Updated interviews and evaluations are done throughout the time an adult is 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 risks 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. 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 responsible for providing 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

Equity Statement

The MCSO Classification Unit applies a thoughtful, equity-centered safety lens when determining housing placements for Adults in Custody within Multnomah County jails.

Revenue/Expense Detail

	2026 General Fund	2026 Other Funds	2027 General Fund	2027 Other Funds
Personnel	\$4,698,552	\$0	\$4,781,221	\$0
Contractual Services	\$1,000	\$0	\$1,000	\$0
Materials & Supplies	\$19,000	\$0	\$20,000	\$0
Internal Services	\$41,584	\$0	\$78,397	\$0
Total GF/non-GF	\$4,760,136	\$0	\$4,880,618	\$0
Total Expenses:	\$4,760,136		\$4,880,618	
Program FTE	20.00	0.00	20.00	0.00
Total Revenue	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0

Performance Measures

Performance Measure	FY25 Actual	FY26 Estimate	FY27 Target
Number of Assaults on inmates and staff in Corrections Division	201	184	225
Classification Interviews in Reception	15,954	16,681	17,000