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Program Offer Type: Existing Operating Program **Program Offer Stage:** As Adopted
Related Programs:
Program Characteristics:

Executive Summary

The Adult Recognizance (Recog) unit and Pretrial Services Program (PSP) unit both perform functions necessary for public safety and the effective operation of the local justice system. The Recog and Pretrial units allow for scarce jail beds to be reserved for higher risk justice-involved adults by using a validated risk instrument to assess a defendant's probability to appear in court or reoffend and conduct interviews and assessments to determine release eligibility.

Program Summary

The Recog unit is a 24/7 program housed at the Multnomah County Detention Center. Recog staff have the knowledge, expertise, and tools necessary to make preliminary decisions in the best interest of the community. The program interviews defendants who have a pending Multnomah County charge, which in turn provides a comprehensive, objective, and valid system for release decisions based on victim and community safety along with the defendant's flight risk. The screening tool used to guide Recog staff has been validated by an independent research group and the results of that study have been approved by the Community Justice Advisory Council. In addition to evaluating the likelihood of appearing in court and risk for committing a new crime, Recog staff assist the court with release decisions for defendants that are ineligible for release by Recog staff. The unit serves as a 24-hour link between law enforcement agencies and Parole-Probation Officers (PPO), by coordinating the process of holding parole and probation violators in jail and providing after-hours information on high risk individuals who are on electronic monitoring.

The primary mission of the PSP unit is to evaluate the risk of releasing defendants prior to trial, to monitor defendants in the community, and to ensure that defendants attend court hearings and not commit new crimes. PSP staff use evidence-based criteria during their investigations to determine whether or not a defendant is likely to attend subsequent court hearings or whether they pose a safety risk to the community. The results of these investigations are presented back to the Court when necessary. When the defendant is released under PSP supervision, the assigned case manager monitors the defendant's behavior and actions, which is then reported to the Court.

The Recog and PSP units have a significant role in the MacArthur Safety and Justice Challenge, which is currently creating strategies that address the main drivers leading people to be placed in local jail, including practices that have a disparate impact on Black, Indigenous and/or People of Color (BIPOC), low-income communities, and people struggling with behavioral health and substance abuse issues.

Performance Measures

Measure Type	Primary Measure	FY21 Actual	FY22 Budgeted	FY22 Estimate	FY23 Offer
Output	Number of recog cases processed annually	12,112	30,000	12,000	12,000
Outcome	Percent of recog cases interviewed	52%	33%	50%	50%

Performance Measures Descriptions

Measures 1 and 2: FY 2021 Actual and FY 2022 Estimate have been significantly affected by COVID-19.

Revenue/Expense Detail

	Adopted General Fund	Adopted Other Funds	Adopted General Fund	Adopted Other Funds
Program Expenses	2022	2022	2023	2023
Personnel	\$2,695,112	\$0	\$2,708,464	\$0
Contractual Services	\$10,842	\$0	\$10,842	\$0
Materials & Supplies	\$14,810	\$0	\$14,810	\$0
Internal Services	\$99,635	\$0	\$107,982	\$0
Total GF/non-GF	\$2,820,399	\$0	\$2,842,098	\$0
Program Total:	\$2,820,399		\$2,842,098	
Program FTE	21.00	0.00	21.00	0.00

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

Explanation of Revenues

County General Fund

Significant Program Changes

Last Year this program was: FY 2022: 50018 Adult Pretrial Release Services Program (PRSP)