Multnomah County				
Program #50019 - Adult	Forensics Unit			7/21/2015
Department:	Community Justice	Program Contact:	Patrick Schreiner	
Program Offer Type:	Existing Operating Program	Program Offer Stage: As Adopted		
Related Programs:				
Program Characteristic	S:			

## **Executive Summary**

The Department of Community Justice (DCJ) computer forensics laboratory is a unique critical service for community justice agencies throughout the state. DCJ maintains a secure digital evidence laboratory in which forensic examinations of electronic storage devices are analyzed using scientific procedures.

## **Program Summary**

The anonymity provided by the Internet and the ability to effectively hide volumes of information on computers, cell phones and other electronic storage devices leaves officers at a disadvantage. Non-forensic methods of discovery are ineffective and can compromise cases in court. The forensics lab provides scientifically sound technology for the recovery of electronic evidence in a manner that allows supervising officers to determine an offender's activities. This progressive resource significantly enhances public safety and ensures the highest rates of successful outcomes.

Regional police agencies have limited resources for conducting similar examinations in new criminal cases and are rarely able to offer their services to parole and probation agencies that have different requirements for burden of proof and timely results. Officers apply a range of behavioral and demographic assessments to formulate effective supervision plans, but are hampered in their work by the fact that criminal enterprise can occur virtually unseen and undetected through the use of computers and other digital devices.

Oregon and Washington rank very high nationally in the frequency of identity theft. Drugs are bought and sold online, and sex offenders exchange pornography and solicit underage victims through the Internet. Fraud and identity theft are carried out using computers and peer-to-peer networks. Email is used by domestic violence offenders to threaten and intimidate individuals. Portland has also been identified as a major West Coast hub for human trafficking activity.

In the interest of public safety and best practices supervision, the DCJ forensics lab extends its services to all adult and juvenile officers in Multhomah County and to adjacent county community justice partners that lack access to these services. Lab personnel are highly trained and certified in the collection, preservation, analysis and reporting results of forensic examinations and provide Parole/Probation Officers (PPO) with the information they need to effectively supervise offenders and promote public safety. The lab also collaborates with the Northwest Regional Computer Forensics Laboratory.

Performance Measures							
Measure Type	Primary Measure	FY14 Actual	FY15 Purchased	FY15 Estimate	FY16 Offer		
Output	Number of gigabytes examined annually	14,050	30,000	15,000	15,000		
Outcome	DCJ cases completed	36	NEW	40	40		
Outcome	Non-DCJ cases completed	18	NEW	20	20		
Outcome	Number of items examined through forensic analysis	180	325	200	200		
Performance Measures Descriptions							

## Revenue/Expense Detail

	Proposed General Fund	Proposed Other Funds	Proposed General Fund	Proposed Other Funds		
Program Expenses	2015	2015	2016	2016		
Personnel	\$284,191	\$0	\$286,013	\$0		
Materials & Supplies	\$15,206	\$0	\$15,206	\$0		
Internal Services	\$21,488	\$0	\$20,830	\$0		
Total GF/non-GF	\$320,885	\$0	\$322,049	\$0		
Program Total:	\$320	\$320,885		\$322,049		
Program FTE	2.00	0.00	2.00	0.00		
Program Revenues						
Total Revenue	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0		

**County General Fund** 

## Significant Program Changes

Last Year this program was: FY 2015: 50019 Adult Forensics Unit