

**Priority:** Safety  
**Program Offer Type:** Innovative/New Program  
**Related Programs:**  
**Program Characteristics:**

**Lead Agency:** Sheriff  
**Program Contact:** Brett Elliott

**Executive Summary**

This program offer was originally submitted as 60064B. It requests 1 new civil deputy FTE for FY 08-09.

The Civil Unit is the enforcement arm of the civil court system. Notice and enforcement actions originate through the civil, probate, and family courts and are processed through the delivery and services made by this unit. Civil enforcement actions are mandated to the County Sheriff.

**Program Description**

The Civil Unit is the ministerial arm of the Circuit Court. All court actions are initiated through a notification to the parties of a pending action, many delivered by the Civil Unit. Through the Civil Unit, court orders to seize and sell property, satisfy landlord/tenant actions, and enforce child custody disputes are enforced in an objective, fair, and equitable manner in compliance with Oregon statutes and Rules on Civil Procedure. Through the Probate Court, families, police officers and other interested parties seek involuntary commitment for allegedly mentally ill persons suffering from episodes so debilitating that they are a danger to themselves or others. The Civil Unit Deputy locates, transports, and provides security for the person and the court. When domestic violence threatens the family unit, Deputies in the Civil Unit serve domestic violence restraining orders to protect family members from violence and aggressive behavior.

**Program Justification**

Clerical support is lacking in supervision with technical expertise required to complete the business of the court. This is a buyback for a position with consideration to need for prioritization of workload, quality assurance, and handling complaints of vulnerable persons (often petitioners of Restraining Orders and victims of domestic violence). Many of these tasks are currently performed by sworn Deputies. In comparison to nearby counties our current level of clerical support compared to sworn staff in the field is woefully deficient. The current workload of clerical staff in comparison to local counties is much higher- Multnomah County processes significantly larger amounts of notice process, enforcement process, evictions, child custody issues, restraining orders, stalking orders, elder abuse orders, and involuntary civil commitments.

**Performance Measures**

Measure Type	Primary Measure	Previous Year Actual (FY06-07)	Current Year Purchased (FY07-08)	Current Year Estimate (FY07-08)	Next Year Offer (FY08-09)
Output	Number of individuals served through civil process	19,772	20,000	109,772	109,772
Outcome	Percent successfully served documents	77.0%	79.0%	77.0%	77.0%
Outcome	Percent protective orders served	78.0%	80.0%	78.0%	78.0%
Outcome	Number of evictions	1,223	1,253	1,223	1,223

**Performance Measure - Description**

Civil is a mandated duty pursuant to: ORS 107.720-730, 206.010-070 and 180, 433.355, 93.530 and Chapter 23. Oregon Rules on Civil Procedure Rule 7

**Legal/Contractual Obligation****Revenue/Expense Detail**

	Proposed General Fund	Proposed Other Funds	Proposed General Fund	Proposed Other Funds
<b>Program Expenses</b>	2008	2008	2009	2009
Personnel	\$0	\$0	\$62,977	\$0
<b>Subtotal: Direct Exps:</b>	<b>\$0</b>	<b>\$0</b>	<b>\$62,977</b>	<b>\$0</b>
Administration	\$0	\$0	\$4,339	\$0
Program Support	\$0	\$0	\$8,146	\$0
<b>Subtotal: Other Exps:</b>	<b>\$0</b>	<b>\$0</b>	<b>\$12,485</b>	<b>\$0</b>
<b>Total GF/non-GF:</b>	<b>\$0</b>	<b>\$0</b>	<b>\$75,462</b>	<b>\$0</b>
<b>Program Total:</b>	<b>\$0</b>		<b>\$75,462</b>	
Program FTE	0.00	0.00	1.00	0.00
<b>Program Revenues</b>				
Program Revenue for Admin	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
<b>Total Revenue:</b>	<b>\$0</b>	<b>\$0</b>	<b>\$0</b>	<b>\$0</b>

**Explanation of Revenues****Significant Program Changes**

Last year this program was: