

Priority: Safety
Program Offer Type: Existing Operating
Related Programs:

Lead Agency: Sheriff
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Program Characteristics:

Executive Summary

There are approximately 30,000 outstanding warrants in Multnomah County including 20000 misdemeanors, citation warrants, and 10000 felony warrants. This is a problem Multnomah County shares with many other jurisdictions – an excessive number of outstanding warrants due to a lack of resources. Warrant backlogs keep wanted persons from being held accountable for their actions and threaten public safety. Two full-time deputies are currently assigned to the Warrant Strike Team. This program was originally purchased in October of 2007 General Fund Contingency Request. This program offer is necessary to serve misdemeanor and felony warrants which benefits citizens by removing wanted subjects from our neighborhoods, preventing crime and associated costs to future victims and potential savings relating to prosecutorial costs.

Program Description

The purpose of this program offer is to reduce the number of felony and misdemeanor warrants offenders that currently reside in Multnomah County. Our primary partners are the Multnomah County District Attorney's Office, Department of Community Justice, Portland Police Bureau and Gresham Police Department. The Warrant Strike Team is responsible for arresting persons with felony and misdemeanor warrants issued by the courts to include warrants for Measure 11 offenses. This program's performance measures include the monthly tracking the number of warrant service attempts, warrant arrests, Measure 11 warrant arrests, non-Multnomah County arrests, number of warrants served and total number of attempts/warrant arrests.

Program Justification

The Multnomah County Sheriff's Office carries an extraordinary responsibility of serving all jurisdictional warrants. This is a function that MCSO currently has two full-time deputies assigned to the Warrant Strike Team. This team's office is located at the Multnomah County District Attorney's Office and works closely with DA's office members to prioritize and manage the execution of specific warrants. Last Fall the Board of County Commissioners approved Contingency funds for the creation of the Warrant Strike Team. The impact this team has had in the community has been impressive. In 4.5 months, working in partnership with the District Attorney's office, the team successfully made 115 arrests, 477 warrant service attempts and 14 Ballot Measure 11 arrests. In all, there were over 592 combined warrant attempts and arrests. The existing program has had a positive impact on the number of wanted persons arrested and number of attempt service of warrants which assists the DA's office in addressing "speedy trial" issues. This program seeks creative ways to offer persons with warrants an opportunity to have their warrant served. This program was originally developed as part of a "three-pronged approach" to addressing the excessive numbers of outstanding misdemeanor, citation and felony warrants. Continuing to aggressively address the excessive number of outstanding warrants is an efficient use of taxpayer dollars and has already proven to be a worthwhile investment of public funds.

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	Total warrant service attempts	0	0	939	939
Outcome	Total warrants served	0	0	279	279
Outcome	Total warrant arrests	0	0	261	261

Performance Measure - Description

All measures are new measures.

Legal/Contractual Obligation

Revenue/Expense Detail

	Proposed General Fund	Proposed Other Funds	Proposed General Fund	Proposed Other Funds
Program Expenses	2008	2008	2009	2009
Personnel	\$0	\$0	\$232,165	\$0
Contracts	\$0	\$0	\$2,400	\$0
Materials & Supplies	\$0	\$0	\$11,200	\$0
Internal Services	\$0	\$0	\$13,340	\$0
Capital Outlay	\$0	\$0	\$34,000	\$0
Subtotal: Direct Exps:	\$0	\$0	\$293,105	\$0
Administration	\$0	\$0	\$20,193	\$0
Program Support	\$0	\$0	\$37,914	\$0
Subtotal: Other Exps:	\$0	\$0	\$58,107	\$0
Total GF/non-GF:	\$0	\$0	\$351,212	\$0
Program Total:	\$0		\$351,212	
Program FTE	0.00	0.00	2.00	0.00
Program Revenues				
Program Revenue for Admin	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
Total Revenue:	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0

Explanation of Revenues

Significant Program Changes

Last year this program was: #60047A, MCSO Warrant Fugitive Task Force