

Lead Agency: Sheriff

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Program Offer Type: Existing Operating

Related Programs:

Program Characteristics:

Executive Summary

Since their inception in October 2007, the Multnomah County Sheriff's Office very successful Warrant Strike Team has helped to reduce the number of outstanding arrest warrants in Multnomah County by 42%. Excessive unserved warrants are a problem Multnomah County shares with many other jurisdictions and the primary cause of this problem is the lack of resources to arrest warrant subjects. Warrant backlogs keep wanted persons from being held accountable for their actions and threaten public safety. Four full-time deputies are currently assigned to the Warrant Strike Team. This program was originally purchased with a General Fund Contingency. This program 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 prosecutorial cost savings.

Program Description

The purpose of this program is to reduce the number of felony and misdemeanor warrant offenders that currently reside in Multnomah County. 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. In May of 2007, Multnomah County Commissioner Lisa Naito produced a "3 step action plan to address the excessive number of outstanding warrants in Multnomah County". This plan included funding for the addition of two deputies to the Multnomah County Sheriff's Office Law Enforcement Division in the creation of this program. Members of MCSO met with local police agencies and the Multnomah County District Attorney's Office to establish initial operating protocols to include the prioritization of warrants to be served by strike team deputies. After the initial implementation period, strike team members identified two areas necessitating a request for two additional deputies. The two areas identified were safety/inmate transport and the need to address the large number of individuals residing/visiting with "out of area" warrants. MCSO, the Board of Commissioners and District Attorney's Office sponsored an effort to fund two additional deputy sheriffs to the Warrant Strike Team. The Multnomah County Sheriff's Office Warrant Strike Team is charged by the Multnomah County Board of Commissioners and the State of Oregon (ORS 206.010) to serve felony and misdemeanor warrants issued in Multnomah County, Oregon. The Warrant Strike Team operates in partnership with the Multnomah County District Attorney's office where the team's primary office is located. The Warrant Strike Team works closely with DA's office members to prioritize and manage the execution of specific warrants. This 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. The Warrant Strike Team is also going to tackle the increasing number of out of compliance sex offenders. According to the State Police as of January 18th there were 804 in Multnomah County, a number of those already have arrest warrants, those are going to be targeted by WST.

Performance Measures

Measure Type	Primary Measure	Previous Year Actual (FY10-11)	Current Year Purchased (FY11-12)	Current Year Estimate (FY11-12)	Next Year Offer (FY12-13)
Output	Total warrant service attempts	733	750	1,150	1,150
Outcome	Total warrants served	309	300	400	400
Outcome	Total warrant arrests	278	250	375	375

Performance Measure - Description

Data compiled from an Excel database reported monthly.

Legal/Contractual Obligation

Revenue/Expense Detail

	Proposed General Fund	Proposed Other Funds	Proposed General Fund	Proposed Other Funds
Program Expenses	2012	2012	2013	2013
Personnel	\$488,494	\$0	\$655,383	\$0
Contracts	\$2,547	\$0	\$2,611	\$0
Materials & Supplies	\$11,035	\$0	\$11,311	\$0
Internal Services	\$22,527	\$0	\$22,167	\$0
Capital Outlay	\$36,078	\$0	\$36,078	\$0
Total GF/non-GF:	\$560,681	\$0	\$727,550	\$0
Program Total:	\$560,681		\$727,550	
Program FTE	4.00	0.00	5.00	0.00
Program Revenues				
Intergovernmental	\$0	\$0	\$16,500	\$0
Total Revenue:	\$0	\$0	\$16,500	\$0

Explanation of Revenues

\$16,500 - Reimbursement for participation on the US Marshal Fugitive Task Force.

Significant Program Changes

Last year this program was: #60068A, MCSO Warrant Task Force

Added a Warrant Strike Team Sergeant mid-year FY12 to better coordinate the warrant program as well as work in conjunction with the US Marshal for warrants served in Multnomah County. This is expected to bring in an additional \$16,500 in overtime reimbursement revenue to the general fund.