

Lead Agency: Sheriff

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Program Offer Type: Existing Operating

Related Programs:

Program Characteristics:

Executive Summary

Metro serves Clackamas, Multnomah and Washington counties, and the 25 cities in the Portland metropolitan area. One of Metro's principle missions is to protect open space and parks. Within this mission, the MCSO Metro Services Unit consists of a detective who enforces disposal laws and Metro's rules and regulations for disposal and 2 Corrections Deputies that are in charge of two Inmate Work Crews assigned to cleaning up illegal dump sites.

Program Description

Through a contract with Metro, a regional government that serves Multnomah, Clackamas, and Washington counties, the Sheriff's Office provides one detective to combat illegal dumping. The Detectives in this unit have knowledge of applicable laws and ordinances and work to enforce these laws. This includes (but is not limited to): investigation and surveillance of companies that haul waste to determine if they are disposing of solid waste properly, investigation of incidents of illegal dumping, coordination of efforts to curtail problems and educate stakeholders with issues associated with solid waste, surveillance of chronic dump sites, and the coordination of the legal removal of chronic transient camps. Illegal dumping is a crime. Illegal dumping is a major problem that raises significant concerns with regard to safety, property values, and quality of life in our community. In addition, it is a major economic burden on local government, which is typically responsible for cleaning up dump sites. If not addressed, illegal dumps often attract more waste, potentially including hazardous wastes such as asbestos, household chemicals and paints, automotive fluids, and commercial or industrial wastes. Health risks associated with illegal dumping are significant. Metro protects open space and parks, plans for land use and transportation, and manages garbage disposal and recycling for 1.3 million residents in three counties and 25 cities in the Portland, Oregon, region. The MCSO Metro Services Unit combats illegal dumping.

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	Number flow control and regulatory cases cited	14	10	14	15
Outcome	Dollar amount of flow control and regulatory penalties	14,665	60,000	12,000	12,500

Performance Measure - Description

✔ **Measure Changed**

Per Steve Kraten of METRO: The numbers are for the program as a whole and do not reflect the actions of any single individual. Numbers are for flow control cases only.

Compared with previous years, the number of flow control cases cited is much higher, yet the amount of the penalties is much less. This reflects a change in our enforcement strategy that places more emphasis on deterrence. Previously, our strategy was to build strong cases against a few violators and to exact fairly substantial penalties. This often required weeks or months of painstaking surveillance. Our current strategy is to have the detectives interview flow control violators as soon as a violation is discovered, educate the violator regarding the Metro flow control system, and quickly bring the violator into the system as a fee and tax paying participant.

"Number of illegal dumping cases cited" and "Dollar amount of illegal dumping penalties" have been removed.

Data from METRO's internal case load manager.

Legal/Contractual Obligation

Contract with Metro.

Revenue/Expense Detail

	Proposed General Fund	Proposed Other Funds	Proposed General Fund	Proposed Other Funds
Program Expenses	2012	2012	2013	2013
Personnel	\$0	\$365,871	\$0	\$376,176
Contracts	\$0	\$1,200	\$0	\$1,200
Internal Services	\$0	\$32,082	\$0	\$31,586
Total GF/non-GF:	\$0	\$399,153	\$0	\$408,962
Program Total:	\$399,153		\$408,962	
Program FTE	0.00	3.00	0.00	3.00
Program Revenues				
Indirect for dep't Admin	\$22,832	\$0	\$23,737	\$0
Intergovernmental	\$0	\$399,153	\$0	\$408,962
Total Revenue:	\$22,832	\$399,153	\$23,737	\$408,962

Explanation of Revenues**Significant Program Changes**Last year this program was: #60074, MCSO Metro Services