

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 served 2,438 warrants (as of February 2013). Excessive un-served 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 helping to tackle the increasing number of out of compliance sex offenders in Multnomah County.

Performance Measures

Measure Type	Primary Measure	Previous Year Actual (FY11-12)	Current Year Purchased (FY12-13)	Current Year Estimate (FY12-13)	Next Year Offer (FY13-14)
Output	Total warrant service attempts	1,248	1,150	1,160	1,200
Outcome	Total warrants served	487	400	350	420
Outcome	Total warrant arrests	419	375	345	400

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	2013	2013	2014	2014
Personnel	\$655,383	\$0	\$688,496	\$0
Contracts	\$2,611	\$0	\$2,670	\$0
Materials & Supplies	\$11,311	\$0	\$11,565	\$0
Internal Services	\$22,167	\$0	\$22,851	\$0
Capital Outlay	\$36,078	\$0	\$36,890	\$0
Total GF/non-GF:	\$727,550	\$0	\$762,472	\$0
Program Total:	\$727,550		\$762,472	
Program FTE	5.00	0.00	5.00	0.00
Program Revenues				
Intergovernmental	\$16,500	\$0	\$16,500	\$0
Total Revenue:	\$16,500	\$0	\$16,500	\$0

Explanation of Revenues

\$16,500 - Overtime Reimbursement for US Marshal Fugitive Task Force participation

Significant Program Changes

✔ Significantly Changed

Last year this program was: #60068A, MCSO Warrant Strike Team

At the FY 14 budget adoption hearing, the Board approved an amendment that provided on the first quarter (\$748,014) of General Fund overtime in the Sheriff's Office adopted budget. The overtime for the remaining three quarters of the year (\$2,244,042) was placed in General Fund contingency. This action reduced this program's requested overtime funds by \$8,290. These funds will be appropriated quarterly through budget modifications with the expectation of a quarterly report by the Sheriff's Office in front of the Board on issues surrounding overtime, hiring and retirements.