

Lead Agency: Sheriff

Program Contact: Ned Walls

Program Offer Type: Existing Operating

Related Programs:

Program Characteristics:

Executive Summary

This program provides for the continued participation of the Sheriff's Office in the East Metro Gang Enforcement Team (EMGET). East Multnomah County and the cities therein have experienced a significant increase in crime, much of which can be attributed to a parallel increase in gang-related activity. The overall community has felt this in the form of increased violent crime (threats, physical assaults, stabbings, shootings, and homicides); high levels of property crimes, high levels of "quality of life" crimes (such as drugs, prostitution / human trafficking, and vandalism); a heightened community fear of crime and the criminal gang element; which all have significant negative impacts to the actual and perceived safety and security of area residents and business, but also contributes to an overall decline in the quality of life and community perception of self-worth.

Program Description

MCSO participates in the interagency East Metro Gang Enforcement Team (EMGET). No individual law enforcement agency can adequately respond to this unique threat to life, property, and quality of life that has no jurisdictional bounds. As a result, we have banded together with partner East County law enforcement agencies to seek grants; improve interagency and interdisciplinary communications; coordinate field efforts, records, and information databases; empower residents and businesses to present a united front to counter gang activity; work in close cooperation with social services to address the issues that led persons into gangs and in preventative measures for those at risk for joining gangs; and collectively working with specifically assigned members of the District Attorney's Office to prosecute the gang involved criminal conduct. All these collective efforts are to identify gang members; reduce actual and feared gang related criminal activity; empower the community to unite against gang activities and influence; and provide enhanced and focused law enforcement efforts to reduce actual and feared gang related criminal activity.

In areas east of 162nd Avenue, the EMGET provides focused investigative assets towards gang related violent and other high impact neighborhood crimes; conducts proactive measures to prevent gang related crimes and activities; provides expertise to regular field staff and the community in gang issues; and collaborates with other criminal justice partners, social services, and neighborhoods to identify gang related issues and solve gang related problems. Criminal Justice partners include but are not limited to the Transit Police Detail, Portland Police Bureau, area School Resource Officers, Gresham Police Department, Fairview Police Department, Multnomah County Sheriff's Office, Multnomah County Department of Community Justice, Troutdale Police Department, and the US Marshall's Service. The deputy on EMGET is part of a close knit collaborative team also comprised of Police Officers from the cities of Troutdale, Fairview, and Gresham. The EMGET uses a multitude of high and low tech tools and techniques such as surveillance, plain clothes personnel, traffic stops, and subject stops to identify gang members, gather intelligence, document criminal activity, and detect and apprehend persons conducting or wanted for criminal acts.

Presentations are made in high schools, middle schools, and community and business groups in regards to deterring gang involvement, gang involved activities, united strategies for dealing with gang related activities, and lessening the actual or perceived level of gang related crimes in order to empower the students, community members, and businesses. The EMGET also works with the Oregon Department of Justice to document confirmed gang members in a statewide database.

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	Number of cases referred to DA for prosecution	101	125	55	105
Outcome	Number of weapons seized	22	30	20	30

Performance Measure - Description

Data from EMGET, Gresham Police Administrative Assistant Rachel Miller - 503-618-2253. Current Year Estimate decreased due to Troutdale Police pulling out of the Team and the assigned deputy being off on workman comp for much of the FY. Only one team of two was working.

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	\$0	\$246,538	\$0	\$260,525
Internal Services	\$0	\$21,153	\$0	\$20,242
Total GF/non-GF:	\$0	\$267,691	\$0	\$280,767
Program Total:	\$267,691		\$280,767	
Program FTE	0.00	2.00	0.00	2.00
Program Revenues				
Indirect for dep't Admin	\$15,507	\$0	\$14,615	\$0
Intergovernmental	\$0	\$267,691	\$0	\$280,767
Total Revenue:	\$15,507	\$267,691	\$14,615	\$280,767

Explanation of Revenues

\$280,767 - Oregon Youth Authority Grant funding two (2.0) FTE Deputies assigned to the East County Gang Enforcement Task Force.

Significant Program Changes

Last year this program was: #60084, MCSO Gang Enforcement Deputy