

Lead Agency: Sheriff

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Program Offer Type: Innovative/New Program

Related Programs:

Program Characteristics: Backfill State/Federal/Grant, Out of Target

Executive Summary

The Sheriff's Office provides this program for the residents of Multnomah County to investigate crimes involving the sale, distribution, and manufacturing of dangerous drugs. The Special Investigations Unit is charged with the responsibility for enforcing state narcotics laws, prostitution activities, and assist with advanced surveillance of major criminal cases. The magnitude of each of these investigative areas requires that priorities be established to determine allocation of resources. Enforcement of narcotics laws is so important that first priority within the Special Investigations Unit will be narcotics investigations. Emphasis is placed on narcotics distributors who are suppliers to street level dealers, as well as suppliers to other distributors which are referred to as mid to upper mid level narcotics traffickers. Drug investigations will center on the drugs which are most abused in the Multnomah County. SIU is a local law enforcement resource for investigating and apprehending suspects involved in domestic and/or foreign Human Trafficking of children. SIU has the responsibility to proactively Identify, Investigate, prepare the required investigative reports, apprehend the suspect(s), prepare the case for a successful prosecution, and testify in court in all cases dealing with illegal drugs and vice activities.

Program Description

Regain one FTE to bring the level of general funded FTE's to four deputies, one sergeant and one Investigative Technician. Over past forty years practice and mission execution has taught us that the minimum number of personnel to safely and effectively conduct these types of high risk operations that the Special Investigations Unit takes on is a minimum of one supervisor and four deputies. The purpose of the Special Investigations Unit (SIU) is to investigate illegal drug activities in the Metro area, and other criminal activity as directed by the Sheriff. The unit conducts criminal investigations of street level illicit drug activity, up to and including the prosecution of federal narcotics crimes. Investigations often lead to Drug Trafficking Organizations (DTO's) that transport and eventually sell dangerous drugs for a profit. SIU investigations take them into areas considered hazardous to health and public safety. Investigations conducted by the SIU detectives have resulted in indictments and prosecutions in numerous meth lab cases. SIU coordinates clean up of drug labs. With the changing needs and priorities of our communities, SIU has modified its mission over the past several years to accommodate the significant impacts of Methamphetamine and other dangerous drugs infesting our neighborhoods, schools, recreational areas and work places. Statistics show that about 90% of all crime can be attributed to dangerous drugs in our community. The SIU program is partially funded through grants, revenues received from forfeitures and federal case funding.

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	SIU drug cases	0	0	0	0
Outcome	Percent of SIU drug cases that are methamphetamine	0	0	0	0

Performance Measure - Description

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	\$0	\$132,923	\$0
Total GF/non-GF:	\$0	\$0	\$132,923	\$0
Program Total:	\$0		\$132,923	
Program FTE	0.00	0.00	1.00	0.00
Program Revenues				
Total Revenue:	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0

Explanation of Revenues**Significant Program Changes**

Last year this program was: