

Division: Law Enforcement Division

Program Characteristics:

Program Description

The Multnomah County Sheriff's Office (MCSO) Civil Unit provides enforcement services for the civil and probate court systems. Through this program court orders to seize and sell property, satisfy landlord/tenant actions, and enforce child custody disputes are conducted in an objective, fair, and equitable manner in compliance with Oregon statutes and rules on civil procedure.

When domestic violence threatens the family, deputies in the Civil Unit serve domestic violence restraining orders to protect family members from violence and aggressive behavior. The Civil Unit collaborates with the MCSO Gun Dispossession/Restraining Order Unit, focusing on retrieving firearms from respondents in domestic violence restraining orders.

The MCSO Civil Unit also conducts extraditions. An extradition is the legal process by which one county formally requests and obtains the surrender of a person from another county so that the person can face criminal charges, stand trial, or serve a sentence for a crime committed within the requesting jurisdiction.

Finally, the MCSO Civil Unit also provides public safety support during evictions. The Sheriff receives the Writ of Possession signed by a judge from the court, and Civil deputies then coordinate an eviction process with the landlord. While performing these and other statutorily mandated duties, Civil Unit deputies experience many challenging situations. All members are trained in utilizing de-escalation techniques and conflict resolution skills to assist in resolving these challenging situations in a peaceful manner. Additionally, every community member served an eviction is provided a resource list with phone numbers and addresses to assist in resolving their situation.

Equity Statement

The Civil Unit ensures that court-ordered and legally mandated actions are carried out in a manner that is fair, objective, and equitable, and are delivered with respect, compassion and transparency for those most impacted.

Revenue/Expense Detail

	2026 General Fund	2026 Other Funds	2027 General Fund	2027 Other Funds
Personnel	\$1,906,012	\$0	\$2,015,534	\$0
Contractual Services	\$1,000	\$0	\$31,000	\$0
Materials & Supplies	\$29,000	\$0	\$28,000	\$0
Internal Services	\$282,451	\$0	\$335,811	\$0
Total GF/non-GF	\$2,218,463	\$0	\$2,410,345	\$0
Total Expenses:	\$2,218,463		\$2,410,345	
Program FTE	8.00	0.00	8.00	0.00
Program Revenues				
Fees, Permits & Charges	\$230,000	\$0	\$250,000	\$0
Service Charges	\$108,000	\$0	\$108,000	\$0
Total Revenue	\$338,000	\$0	\$358,000	\$0

Performance Measures

Performance Measure	FY25 Actual	FY26 Estimate	FY27 Target
Number of individuals served through civil process	3,665	3,615	3,700
Number of evictions	1,584	1,395	1,500