



**Program #60515B - Restore River Patrol** FY 2024 Department Requested

**Department:** Sheriff **Program Contact:** Carey Kaer  
**Program Offer Type:** Existing **Program Offer Stage:** Department Requested  
**Related Programs:**  
**Program Characteristics:** Out of Target

**Executive Summary**

The Multnomah County Sheriff’s Office (MCSO) River Patrol Unit collaborates with the Oregon State Marine Board, the Port of Portland, and the United States Coast Guard to provide safe commercial and recreational access and passage to the County’s 110-miles of waterways along the Columbia River, Willamette River, Sandy River, and the Multnomah Channel. The River Patrol Unit provides law enforcement and search and rescue services to all river, lake, shoreline and island locations in Multnomah County.

**Program Description**

This program offer proposes a reduction of River Patrol FTE (program offer 60515A) in order to help meet Multnomah County’s general fund constraint. Positions proposed: 2.0 FTE Deputy Sheriffs.

The MCSO River Patrol Unit (RPU) provides public safety services for the numerous county moorages, marinas and houseboat communities. The nation’s fifth largest port requires protection and unobstructed ingress and egress of commercial ship movement into the region. River Patrol Deputies respond to all life-threatening marine calls for service, such as boat collisions, drownings, missing persons, suicidal individuals, and environmental hazards. The River Patrol Unit is also challenged with addressing the ongoing surrounding abandoned and derelict vessels in and near the waterways of Multnomah County. Deputies collaborate with various marinas and associations that work, live, or recreate on the rivers, as well as MCSO’s homeless outreach and community resource programs and other partner agency resources to address the concerning livability issues along the rivers. Deputies provide boater safety education and intervention through classroom, boat inspections, and enforcement activities. The education and intervention programs include youth water safety and working with Metro to facilitate a life-jacket station at the Columbia River boat ramp. It is crucial for the local economy that cargo vessels carrying consumer products, transport these goods in a timely and efficient manner. Over 12 million tons of cargo moved through its facilities last year. A safe and thriving community for everyone contributes to a flourishing economy, and access to work, cultural, and recreational activity is an important element. River Patrol Deputies participate in regional multi-agency marine security drills to promote efficient coordination of first responder resources and provide critical infrastructure security protection along Multnomah County waterways. The River Patrol Unit is key to emergency preparedness on/near the regional waterways. They participate in numerous agency collaborations and are a significant function to a visible public safety system which strives to support all community members through exemplary public safety service.

**Performance Measures**

Measure Type	Primary Measure	FY22 Actual	FY23 Budgeted	FY23 Estimate	FY24 Offer
Output	Hours of community water safety education	128	200	130	150
Outcome	Number of community members issued boater examination reports, warning, and citations	965	1,500	1,000	1,000

**Performance Measures Descriptions**

## Legal / Contractual Obligation

Patrol operates under ORS Chapter 830 and contracts with the Oregon Marine Board.

## Revenue/Expense Detail

	Adopted General Fund	Adopted Other Funds	Department Requested General Fund	Department Requested Other Funds
<b>Program Expenses</b>	<b>2023</b>	<b>2023</b>	<b>2024</b>	<b>2024</b>
Personnel	\$0	\$0	\$382,456	\$0
<b>Total GF/non-GF</b>	<b>\$0</b>	<b>\$0</b>	<b>\$382,456</b>	<b>\$0</b>
<b>Program Total:</b>	<b>\$0</b>		<b>\$382,456</b>	
<b>Program FTE</b>	0.00	0.00	2.00	0.00

Program Revenues				
<b>Total Revenue</b>	<b>\$0</b>	<b>\$0</b>	<b>\$0</b>	<b>\$0</b>

## Explanation of Revenues

## Significant Program Changes

Last Year this program was: