

Program #60520 - Detectives Unit
FY 2026 Proposed

Department: Sheriff

Program Offer Type: Operating

Related Programs:

Program Characteristics:

Program Contact: Carey Kaer

Program Offer Stage: Proposed

Program Description

The Detective Unit is responsible for responding to crime scenes, conducting preliminary and follow-up investigations, preparing the required investigative reports, apprehending the suspect, preparing the case for successful prosecution, and testifying in court. The detectives are also members of the East County Major Crimes Team, as well as other inter-agency teams which allows for collaboration of multiple resources and leverages personnel for more efficient and effective results. The goal of the East County Major Crimes Team (MCT) is to provide a successful outcome to all serious person crimes, and other high-profile investigations throughout all communities in Multnomah County.

The Detective Unit is versatile and is responsible for a wide range of investigative efforts. With changes to the statewide Department of Human Services (DHS) hotline reporting and case management, the Detective Unit receives and processes all DHS reports of alleged child abuse and neglect in order to ensure cases are cross-reported. Trained and experienced detectives will objectively and thoroughly investigate nearly 150 allegations of child abuse each month and determine if a violation of criminal law occurred, identify and apprehend the offender, and file appropriate criminal charges while ensuring the child's needs are met.

The Detective Unit also has a dedicated detective to conduct follow-up investigations and provides services for victims impacted by domestic violence through the Domestic Violence Enhanced Response Team. This team utilizes a model of intervention that provides a coordinated, multi-disciplinary response to high-priority/high-risk domestic violence cases. When gun violence impacts east county communities, detectives engage in collaborative community outreach efforts and provide investigative resources with the goal of bringing awareness and reducing incidents involving firearms. The Detective Unit also registers approximately 450 sex offenders annually and conducts sex offender compliance missions, as Oregon law requires sex offenders to report in person to a law enforcement agency in the county where they reside.

The Detectives Unit:

- Conducts preliminary and follow-up investigations of criminal activity
- Collaborates with other area agencies to address major crimes
- Investigates reports of highly sensitive crimes including those against children and victims of domestic violence

Performance Measures

Measure Type	Performance Measure	FY24 Actual	FY25 Budgeted	FY25 Estimate	FY26 Target
Output	Total cases investigated	1,450	1,600	1,600	1,600
Output	Total cases cleared	1,150	1,250	1,250	1,250

Performance Measures Descriptions

Data from Law Enforcement Associates Data Technologies caseload database and RMS. There has been a dramatic increase in the number of serious person crime cases investigated by Detectives while over past years cutting FTE's to the program. Total cases are expected to be fewer as property crimes are no longer able to be assigned in the Detectives Unit based on the increase of serious person crimes; especially child abuse crimes.

Revenue/Expense Detail

	Adopted General Fund	Adopted Other Funds	Proposed General Fund	Proposed Other Funds
Program Expenses	2025	2025	2026	2026
Personnel	\$3,200,084	\$0	\$3,364,050	\$0
Contractual Services	\$14,000	\$0	\$14,000	\$0
Materials & Supplies	\$141,000	\$0	\$151,000	\$0
Internal Services	\$251,888	\$0	\$264,332	\$0
Total GF/non-GF	\$3,606,972	\$0	\$3,793,382	\$0
Program Total:	\$3,606,972		\$3,793,382	
Program FTE	13.00	0.00	13.00	0.00

Program Revenues				
Total Revenue	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0

Explanation of Revenues

Significant Program Changes

Last Year this program was: FY 2025: 60520A Detectives Unit

Reclassified 1.00 FTE Digital Forensics Examiner to Data Analyst.
1.00 FTE Detective one-time-only funding ended in FY 2025.