

Program #60525 - Special Investigations Unit 3/7/2022

Department: Sheriff **Program Contact:** Carey Kaer
Program Offer Type: Existing Operating Program **Program Offer Stage:** As Requested
Related Programs:
Program Characteristics: In Target

Executive Summary

The Multnomah County Sheriff’s Office (MCSO) Special Investigations Unit (SIU) provides for the investigations of crimes involving the sale, distribution and manufacturing of dangerous drugs. The MCSO SIU is tasked with enforcing state narcotics laws, prostitution activities and assisting with advanced surveillance of major criminal cases. The emphasis of drug investigations is placed on narcotic distributors who supply to street level dealers, referred to as mid to upper-level narcotic traffickers. This program is also a resource for investigating and apprehending suspects involved in human trafficking of children.

Program Summary

The purpose of the Special Investigations Unit is to investigate illegal drug activities in the Metro area and other criminal activity as directed by the Sheriff. This 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 that transport and eventually sell dangerous drugs for a profit. Investigations conducted by detectives assigned to this unit have resulted in indictments and prosecutions in numerous methamphetamine lab cases. With the changing needs and priorities of the communities, the unit has modified its mission over the past several years to accommodate the significant impacts of methamphetamine and other dangerous drugs infesting neighborhoods, schools, recreational areas and work places. This unit’s investigations take them into areas considered hazardous to health and public safety. Statistics show that about 90% of all crime can be attributed to dangerous drugs in the community. By dismantling drug trafficking organizations from introducing illicit drugs into the marketplace, the vision for a safe and thriving community for everyone is achievable. This program is partially funded through grants, revenues received from forfeitures, and federal case funding.

This program has the responsibility to proactively identify, investigate, prepare the required investigative reports, apprehend the suspect(s), prepare the case for successful prosecution, and testify in court in all cases dealing with illegal drugs and vice activities; to include prostitution, illegal gambling and money-laundering.

SIU is also responsible for investigating overdose incidents that occur in our facilities and patrol jurisdictions. Collaborating with social service providers and the courts, the primary goal is to encourage community members to engage in treatment. The investigations will focus on the dealers, complying with the Len Bias Anti-Drug Act, concentrating on the supplier for charges in connection to overdose deaths.

Performance Measures

Measure Type	Primary Measure	FY21 Actual	FY22 Budgeted	FY22 Estimate	FY23 Offer
Output	SIU drug cases	125	150	135	150
Outcome	Percent of SIU drug cases that are methamphetamine	52%	35%	50%	50%
Output	Number of searches	165	175	175	180
Outcome	Percent of searches resulting in an arrest	93%	90%	95%	90%

Performance Measures Descriptions

Data are compiled from an Excel database reported monthly. The numbers of drug cases conducted are tied solely to the unit’s manpower. The Unit maintained levels of efficiency despite a turnover of 40% turnover of personnel assigned in the unit.

Legal / Contractual Obligation

ORS 206.010, General duties of sheriff

Revenue/Expense Detail

	Adopted General Fund	Adopted Other Funds	Requested General Fund	Requested Other Funds
Program Expenses	2022	2022	2023	2023
Personnel	\$1,179,654	\$26,778	\$1,361,624	\$26,269
Contractual Services	\$0	\$75,000	\$0	\$75,000
Materials & Supplies	\$6,309	\$85,000	\$6,309	\$35,000
Internal Services	\$60,875	\$3,222	\$93,688	\$3,731
Capital Outlay	\$0	\$100,000	\$0	\$1,100,000
Total GF/non-GF	\$1,246,838	\$290,000	\$1,461,621	\$1,240,000
Program Total:	\$1,536,838		\$2,701,621	
Program FTE	7.00	0.00	7.00	0.00

Program Revenues				
Intergovernmental	\$0	\$160,000	\$0	\$160,000
Other / Miscellaneous	\$0	\$60,000	\$0	\$60,000
Beginning Working Capital	\$0	\$70,000	\$0	\$1,020,000
Total Revenue	\$0	\$290,000	\$0	\$1,240,000

Explanation of Revenues

This program generates \$3,731 in indirect revenues.

Fed/State Funds: \$100,000 - Proceeds from Federal Equitable Sharing Forfeitures; \$1,000,000 - Carry-over from Fiscal Year 2022; \$60,000 - Funding from HIDTA (High Intensity Drug Trafficking Activity) Grant.

Special Ops Funds: \$10,000 - Proceeds from Seizure/Forfeiture Auctions; \$50,000 - Proceeds from Civil Seizure/Forfeitures due to criminal activity, \$20,000 - Carry-over from FY 2022.

Significant Program Changes

Last Year this program was: FY 2022: 60525 Special Investigations Unit

FY22 Carry-over of Equitable Sharing funds due to an unanticipated amount of federal forfeiture cases closed during FY21 and FY22, which created a large Beginning Working Capital for FY23.