

Division: Law Enforcement Division

Program Characteristics:

Program Description

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. This program is also a resource for investigating and apprehending suspects involved in human trafficking of children.

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. 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.

SIU has the responsibility to proactively identify, investigate, prepare 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. SIU recovers weapons which include handguns, rifles, and machine guns during their criminal investigations.

This Special Investigations Unit:

- Investigates criminal activity involving the sale, distribution, or manufacturing of illegal drugs
- Impedes criminal operations of narcotics distributors and traffickers

Equity Statement

This program supports vulnerable populations that have been impacted by drug and human trafficking crimes by collaborating with social service providers, and by accessing and encouraging treatment when possible.

Revenue/Expense Detail

	2026 General Fund	2026 Other Funds	2027 General Fund	2027 Other Funds
Personnel	\$1,715,065	\$60,226	\$1,838,203	\$70,398
Contractual Services	\$30,000	\$65,000	\$47,000	\$65,000
Materials & Supplies	\$197,000	\$12,000	\$222,000	\$12,000
Internal Services	\$109,469	\$9,774	\$129,773	\$9,602
Capital Outlay	\$0	\$2,800,000	\$0	\$4,000,000
Total GF/non-GF	\$2,051,534	\$2,947,000	\$2,236,976	\$4,157,000
Total Expenses:	\$4,998,534		\$6,393,976	
Program FTE	7.00	0.00	7.00	0.00
Program Revenues				
Intergovernmental	\$0	\$635,000	\$0	\$645,000
Beginning Working Capital	\$0	\$2,312,000	\$0	\$3,512,000
Total Revenue	\$0	\$2,947,000	\$0	\$4,157,000

Performance Measures

Performance Measure	FY25 Actual	FY26 Estimate	FY27 Target
SIU drug cases	148	130	135
Dollar value of drugs seized	6,957,480	4,500,000	4,900,000