

Department: Sheriff **Program Contact:** Steve Bevins
Program Offer Type: Existing Operating Program **Program Offer Stage:** As Proposed
Related Programs:
Program Characteristics:

Executive Summary

The Homeless Outreach and Programs Engagement (HOPE) team is a specialized team within the Community Partnership Unit (CPU) consisting of two deputies. This proactive team provides consistent, positive interaction, with the houseless community through an outreach first approach. The HOPE team utilizes robust community partnerships and ongoing community engagement to provide the houseless community with much needed services and resources. The Hope team collaborates with service providers to assist the vulnerable community members experiencing houselessness on a daily basis to ensure their fundamental needs are being addressed.

Program Summary

The HOPE team provides proactive, consistent outreach to community members experiencing houselessness in order to connect them to services and journey with them on a path toward long-term housing. This team is highly respected in the community and employs an outreach first approach, utilizing patience, empathy, compassion, and understanding to build trust as they work with community members on a case by case basis.

The HOPE team is an engaged and collaborative partner for all, recognizing the value each partner brings to the community. Thriving partnerships with agencies such as JOIN, Cascadia Behavioral Health, Central City Concern, METRO, the Multnomah County Joint Office of Homeless Services, and many others, allows the team to provide access to wrap around services. The HOPE team conducts field outreach in an effort to connect with and serve this vulnerable community by understanding the various barriers to permanent housing and working toward connecting each individual with the appropriate services based on their specific needs. Throughout the past year, while navigating the pandemic, the HOPE team has facilitated weekly shower services to the houseless population, which has also expanded to include medical care, food and clothing resources, and supplies, as well as has established the East County Council on Homelessness which is a collaborative effort with east county community leaders that focuses on innovative and inclusive strategies to address the impacts of houselessness. By building strong relationships within the community, the HOPE team also brings a trusted law enforcement presence to the houseless population and is the direct line of communication for victims to report crimes that may otherwise go unreported.

Additionally, the Hope team participated in a 12-week pilot professional development training project coordinated by the Sheriff's Office Equity and Inclusion Manager, which was aimed at enhancing active listening, advanced communications, trauma informed understanding, cultural competency, and anti-racism. The training provided the Hope team members with the skills and tools necessary to more effectively connect with and represent all community members.

Performance Measures

Measure Type	Primary Measure	FY21 Actual	FY22 Budgeted	FY22 Estimate	FY23 Offer
Output	Number of Houseless Community Members Contacted	1,519	800	1,700	1,000
Outcome	Number of Referrals Made to Services	384	300	500	300

Performance Measures Descriptions

Revenue/Expense Detail

	Adopted General Fund	Adopted Other Funds	Proposed General Fund	Proposed Other Funds
Program Expenses	2022	2022	2023	2023
Personnel	\$444,075	\$0	\$546,205	\$0
Internal Services	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
Total GF/non-GF	\$444,075	\$0	\$546,205	\$0
Program Total:	\$444,075		\$546,205	
Program FTE	3.00	0.00	3.00	0.00

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

Explanation of Revenues

Significant Program Changes

Last Year this program was: FY 2022: 60540 Homeless Outreach and Programs Engagement (HOPE) Team
 Moved 1.00 Sergeant Position from PO 60535A - School Resource Officers program offer to this program offer.