

Department: Sheriff **Program Contact:** Doug Asboe
Program Offer Type: Operating **Program Offer Stage:** Adopted
Related Programs:
Program Characteristics:

Executive Summary

The Homeless Outreach and Programs Engagement (HOPE) team is a specialized team consisting of two Law Enforcement Deputies and a Law Enforcement Sergeant. 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 vulnerable community members, experiencing houselessness, on a daily basis to ensure their fundamental needs are being addressed.

Program Description

The HOPE team provides proactive, consistent outreach to community members experiencing houselessness in order to connect them to services and guide 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 an individual 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 expanded our partnership further by adding an East County Navigation Team that consists of social workers from TPI, CCC, and Multnomah County Behavior Health and plans to work closely with the MCSO Behavioral Health Connection as that comes online in early 2023.

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. 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 participates in community events that benefit the houseless community such as: the Maywood Chili Cook-off and various food drives. The HOPE Team collaborates with all units within the Sheriffs Office to ensure that individuals experiencing houselessness, throughout Multnomah County, have equitable access to law enforcement services and available resources.

Performance Measures

Measure Type	Performance Measure	FY23 Actual	FY24 Budgeted	FY24 Estimate	FY25 Target
Output	Number of Houseless Community Members Contacted	1,307	1,200	1,405	1,400
Outcome	Number of Referrals Made to Services	1,114	500	900	1,000

Performance Measures Descriptions

Legal / Contractual Obligation

Revenue/Expense Detail

	Adopted General Fund	Adopted Other Funds	Adopted General Fund	Adopted Other Funds
Program Expenses	2024	2024	2025	2025
Personnel	\$632,258	\$0	\$656,919	\$0
Materials & Supplies	\$3,000	\$0	\$12,000	\$0
Internal Services	\$0	\$0	\$38,077	\$0
Total GF/non-GF	\$635,258	\$0	\$706,996	\$0
Program Total:	\$635,258		\$706,996	
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 2024: 60540 Homeless Outreach and Programs Engagement (HOPE) Team