



Program #60540 - Homeless Outreach and Programs Engagement (HOPE) Team **FY 2026 Department Requested**

Department: Sheriff **Program Contact:** Robert Stewart
Program Offer Type: Operating **Program Offer Stage:** Department Requested
Related Programs:
Program Characteristics:

Program Description

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. 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 METRO, the Multnomah County Homeless Services Department, 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 various agencies and Multnomah County Behavior Health.

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 Sheriff’s Office to ensure that individuals experiencing houselessness, throughout Multnomah County, have equitable access to law enforcement services and available resources.

- The HOPE Team:
- Provides outreach to community members experiencing houselessness to connect them to housing and other services
 - Works directly with service providers to meet client needs

Performance Measures

| Measure Type | Performance Measure | FY24 Actual | FY25 Budgeted | FY25 Estimate | FY26 Target |
|--------------|--|-------------|---------------|---------------|-------------|
| Output | Number of houseles community members contacted | 2,423 | 500 | 112 | 150 |
| Output | Number of referrals made to services | 642 | 500 | 112 | 150 |

Performance Measures Descriptions

Revenue/Expense Detail

| | Adopted General Fund | Adopted Other Funds | Department Requested General Fund | Department Requested Other Funds |
|-------------------------|---------------------------------|--------------------------------|--|---|
| Program Expenses | 2025 | 2025 | 2026 | 2026 |
| Personnel | \$656,919 | \$0 | \$662,652 | \$0 |
| Materials & Supplies | \$12,000 | \$0 | \$12,000 | \$0 |
| Internal Services | \$38,077 | \$0 | \$34,238 | \$0 |
| Total GF/non-GF | \$706,996 | \$0 | \$708,890 | \$0 |
| Program Total: | \$706,996 | | \$708,890 | |
| 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 2025: 60540 Homeless Outreach and Programs Engagement (HOPE) Team