

# Program #60130B - Improving Accountability w/Body Worn Cameras: On-going

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**Portion** 

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Program Offer Type: Innovative/New Program Program Offer Stage: As Requested

Related Programs: 60992

Program Characteristics: Out of Target

#### **Executive Summary**

Law enforcement agencies across the United States and throughout the world are utilizing body-worn cameras as a promising tool to improve evidentiary outcomes, and enhance the safety of, and improve interactions between, officers and the community. This tool is proving to be an important tool to assist in broader law enforcement with greater transparency, accountability, problem-solving, and community engagement strategies. The body-worn camera program will align with MCSO's vision of providing a safe and thriving community for everyone.

### **Program Summary**

Implementing a body-worn camera program can be a highly effective resource, providing an unalterable audio and visual record of interactions that capture empirical evidence in the event of a crime, police-citizen interaction, or use of force event. This technology will also provide additional transparency into the daily operations of MCSO.

Body-worn cameras will also build community trust, which is essential to effectively serving the size, complexity and diversity of Multnomah County. This technology for MSO will provide Deputies and community members with greater accountability and a better understanding of critical events of public concern. Additionally, the body-worn cameras will facilitate fair and transparent adjudication of criminal and civil matters.

MCSO will implement technology systems to handle in the influx of public and media requests. Three (3) FTE unsworn members will be needed to handle not only the media and public requests for footage from body-worn cameras, but also with the new electronic project that was recently completed for MCDC and monitoring the additional interview room cameras that will be installed (MCSO will upgrade the needed technology improvements in these interview rooms). A new technology system will give MCSO the ability to electronically share this information as needed with Criminal Justice partners, while protecting the original copy of the evidence. As MCSO continues to look at other new technologies, this system would include the processing and storage of Deputy worn Body Cameras and other collection methods for digital or electronic information.

Performance Measures									
Measure Type	Primary Measure	FY21 Actual	FY22 Budgeted	FY22 Estimate	FY23 Offer				
Output	Number of body-worn cameras purchased	N/A	N/A	N/A	100				
Outcome	Percent of eligible staff wearing body-worn cameras	N/A	N/A	N/A	75%				

### **Performance Measures Descriptions**

## **Legal / Contractual Obligation**

MCSO will create polices regarding body-worn cameras that will follow Oregon legislation, passed in 2015, to include ORS 133.741 (video cameras worn by officers), ORS 165.540 (recording notification), ORS 181A.250 (specific information not to be collected), and ORS 192.345 (public records exemption). MCSO will also be following Oregon law that requires minimum 180 days retention of recordings; videos can only be released when it is in public interest; and requiring Deputies to announce at the beginning of the interaction that the conversation is being recorded.

### **Revenue/Expense Detail**

	Adopted General Fund	Adopted Other Funds	Requested General Fund	Requested Other Funds
Program Expenses	2022	2022	2023	2023
Personnel	\$0	\$0	\$287,928	\$0
Materials & Supplies	\$0	\$0	\$405,612	\$0
Total GF/non-GF	\$0	\$0	\$693,540	\$0
Program Total:	\$0		\$693,540	
Program FTE	0.00	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: