

Program #60525 - Special Investigations Unit

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Sheriff **Department: Program Offer Type: Existing Operating Program** Program Offer Stage: As Requested

Related Programs:

Program Characteristics: In Target

Executive Summary

This program provides for the investigation of crimes involving the sale, distribution, and manufacturing of dangerous drugs. The Special Investigations Unit (SIU) is charged with enforcing state narcotics laws, prostitution activities, and assisting with advanced surveillance of major criminal cases. Emphasis of drug investigations is placed on narcotics distributors who supply to street level dealers, referred to as mid to upper mid-level narcotics traffickers. SIU is a resource for investigating and apprehending suspects involved in Human Trafficking of children.

Program Summary

The purpose of the Special Investigations Unit (SIU) is to investigate illegal drug activities in the Metro area, and other criminal activity as directed by the Sheriff. The 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 (DTO's) that transport and eventually sell dangerous drugs for a profit. SIU investigations take them into areas considered hazardous to health and public safety. Investigations conducted by the SIU detectives have resulted in indictments and prosecutions in numerous meth lab cases. SIU coordinates clean-up of drug labs. With the changing needs and priorities of the communities, SIU has modified its mission over the past several years to accommodate the significant impacts of Methamphetamine and other dangerous drugs infesting neighborhoods, schools, recreational areas and work places. Statistics show that about 90% of all crime can be attributed to dangerous drugs in the community. The SIU program is partially funded through grants, revenues received from forfeitures and federal case funding.

SIU has the responsibility to proactively identify, investigate, prepare the required investigative reports, apprehend the suspect(s), prepare the case for a successful prosecution and testify in court in all cases dealing with illegal drugs and vice activities.

SIU also has special training, experience, and unique skill set that makes them an investigative asset for law enforcement agencies around the region.

Performance Measures								
Measure Type	Primary Measure	FY19 Actual	FY20 Budgeted	FY20 Estimate	FY21 Offer			
Output	SIU drug cases	172	145	150	150			
Outcome	Percent of SIU drug cases that are methamphetamine	38%	50%	35%	35%			
Output	Number of searches	293	160	200	200			
Outcome	Percent of searches resulting in an arrest	94%	85%	95%	85%			

Performance Measures Descriptions

Data are compiled from an Excel database reported monthly. The numbers of drug cases conducted are tied solely to the unit's manpower. The Unit maintained levels of efficiency despite a turnover of 40% turnover of personnel assigned in the unit. The number of methamphetamine cases has dropped as the Unit has responded to the opioid crisis and is working many more cases involving heroin and other opioids.

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Legal / Contractual Obligation

ORS 206.010, General duties of sheriff

Revenue/Expense Detail

	Adopted General Fund	Adopted Other Funds	Requested General Fund	Requested Other Funds
Program Expenses	2020	2020	2021	2021
Personnel	\$1,121,211	\$26,753	\$1,142,970	\$26,648
Contractual Services	\$0	\$230,000	\$0	\$80,000
Materials & Supplies	\$14,761	\$160,000	\$14,761	\$130,000
Internal Services	\$99,163	\$3,247	\$125,455	\$3,352
Capital Outlay	\$0	\$50,000	\$0	\$0
Total GF/non-GF	\$1,235,135	\$470,000	\$1,283,186	\$240,000
Program Total:	\$1,705,135		\$1,523,186	
Program FTE	7.00	0.00	7.00	0.00

Program Revenues									
Intergovernmental	\$0	\$110,000	\$0	\$110,000					
Other / Miscellaneous	\$0	\$60,000	\$0	\$60,000					
Beginning Working Capital	\$0	\$300,000	\$0	\$70,000					
Service Charges	\$20,000	\$0	\$20,000	\$0					
Total Revenue	\$20,000	\$470,000	\$20,000	\$240,000					

Explanation of Revenues

This program generates \$3,352 in indirect revenues.

General Fund: \$20,000 - Overtime Reimbursement for US Marshal Fugitive Task Force Activity

Fed/State Funds: \$50,000 - Proceeds from Federal Equitable Sharing Forfeitures; \$20,000 - Carry-over from Fiscal Year 2020; \$60,000 - Funding from HIDTA (High Intensity Drug Trafficking Activity) Grant.

Special Ops Funds: \$10,000 - Proceeds from Seizure/Forfeiture Auctions; \$50,000 - Proceeds from Civil Seizure/Forfeitures due to criminal activity, \$50,000 - Carry-over from FY 2020.

Significant Program Changes

Last Year this program was: FY 2020: 60525-20 Special Investigations Unit