Multnomah County
Program #60565 - Metro Unit

5/6/2020

Department:

Program Offer Type:

Related Programs:

Existing Operating Program

Sheriff

Program Contact: James Eriksen Program Offer Stage: As Proposed

Program Characteristics:

Executive Summary

Metro serves Clackamas, Multnomah, and Washington counties, and the 25 cities in the Portland metropolitan area. Metro protects open space and parks, plans for land use, and transportation, and manages garbage disposal and recycling for 1.3 million residents in three counties and 24 cities in the Portland metro region. Within this mission, the MCSO Metro Services Unit consists of two detectives who enforce disposal laws and Metro's rules and regulations for disposal and two corrections deputies that are in charge of two inmate work crews assigned to cleaning up illegal dump sites.

Program Summary

Through a contract with Metro, a regional government that serves Multnomah, Clackamas, and Washington counties, the Sheriff's Office provides two detectives to combat illegal dumping, conduct solid waste investigations and assist Metro staff address camping impacts on Metro properties. The detectives in this unit have knowledge of applicable laws and ordinances and work to enforce these laws. This includes (but is not limited to): investigation and surveillance of companies that haul waste to determine if they are disposing of solid waste properly, investigation of incidents of illegal dumping, coordination of efforts to curtail problems and educate stakeholders with issues associated with solid waste, surveillance of chronic dump sites, enforcement of cover load requirements, and the coordination of the legal removal of chronic transient camps.

Illegal dumping is a crime. Illegal dumping is a major problem that raises significant concerns with regard to safety, property values, and quality of life in the community. In addition, it is a major economic burden on local government, which is typically responsible for cleaning up dump sites. If not addressed, illegal dumps often attract more waste, potentially including hazardous wastes such as asbestos, household chemicals, paints, automotive fluids, and commercial or industrial wastes. Health risks associated with illegal dumping are significant.

The regional housing crisis is resulting in more people living outside. The detectives coordinate with Metro staff, local police departments including MCSO Hope Team and social service providers to ensure impacts to Metro's 17,000 acres of natural areas and parks are safely and humanely addressed. The need for this coordination increased significantly over the past two to three years which reduces the available time the detectives have to conduct investigations and surveillance. The Deputies skills and knowledge are a valuable asset to Metro as is the MCSO HOPE team.

Measure Type	Primary Measure	FY19 Actual	FY20 Budgeted	FY20 Estimate	FY21 Offer
Output	Number of camp postings and cleanups (minimum of two day for count)	84	110	84	90
Outcome	Metro parks and natural areas are clean and safe for public use (number of different properties)	10	10	10	10
Output	Number of illegal dumping cases	144	300	144	300
Outcome	Dollar amount of illegal dumping fines	\$5,599.50	\$5,000	\$5,599.50	\$5,000

Performance Measures Descriptions

Data per Barb Leslie of METRO: Numbers are for the program as a whole and do not reflect the actions of any single individual. Data from METRO's internal case load manager. Camp cleanup assistance consists of a minimum of two days for each cleanup. Cleanups decrease is more realistic offer after a few years of doing the work.

Intergovernmental Agreement with Metro.

	Adopted General Fund	Adopted Other Funds	Proposed General Fund	Proposed Other Funds	
Program Expenses	2020	2020	2021	2021	
Personnel	\$0	\$537,906	\$0	\$550,346	
Contractual Services	\$0	\$1,200	\$0	\$1,200	
Internal Services	\$0	\$65,302	\$0	\$69,234	
Total GF/non-GF	\$0	\$604,408	\$0	\$620,780	
Program Total:	\$604,408		\$620,780		
Program FTE	0.00	3.45	0.00	3.45	
Program Revenues					
Service Charges	\$0	\$604,408	\$0	\$620,780	

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Explanation of Revenues

This program generates \$69,234 in indirect revenues.

Total Revenue

Special Ops Fund: \$620,780 - Enforcement/Investigation and Clean-up of Illegal Dumping provided for Metro.

\$0

Significant Program Changes

Last Year this program was: FY 2020: 60565-20 Metro Unit