

Program #60435 - Volunteers

Department:

Program Offer Type:

Related Programs:

Existing Operating Program

Sheriff

Program Contact: Nick Jarmer Program Offer Stage: As Proposed

Program Characteristics:

Executive Summary

The Volunteer Services Program enables the Sheriff's Office to achieve its mission with the assistance of nearly 250 volunteers, interns, and community partners. Volunteers support and enhance operations in all agency Divisions and become involved community members gaining an in-depth understanding of the criminal justice system in Multhomah County.

Program Summary

The Volunteer Services program provides for the recruitment, interviews, backgrounds, training, placement, data maintenance, and recognition to sustain a core base of nearly 250 volunteers, interns, and community partners supporting MCSO operations. Due to the nature of the duties involved in most placements, it is necessary to conduct an in-depth background review process prior to assignment, as well as ongoing review to ensure compliance with agency and county policies and procedures and to ensure the safety and security of operations.

Volunteers and community partners assist the MCSO in achieving its organizational mission of providing quality, costeffective prevention, intervention, and detention services to the community. By monitoring the agency's needs, Volunteer Services works to find professionals willing to share their time and expertise in many vital areas. Placement opportunities include involvement in jail programs such as education services, domestic violence prevention and safety planning, employment resources and transition services, alcohol/drug prevention and education, and 12-step meetings, which assist with transition services and the reduction of tensions within a facility/housing area. Other agency placements include assignments with River Patrol, the Cold Case Team, Citizen Patrol in the Gorge, Human Trafficking, Enforcement Records, and other support services.

MCSO values all direct service work provided by community partner organizations. Most directly related to the work of the Sheriff's Office is addressing the needs of vulnerable and/or criminal justice involved populations, such as individuals struggling with mental health, addictions, employment/financial resources, and homelessness. MCSO's dedication to facilitating access, as volunteers/community partners for organizations staff with criminal justice involved individuals, promotes fiscally responsible practices and ensures continuity of care.

COVID-19 has impacted the volunteer services program dramatically. Since March 2020, volunteers have not been permitted to enter the jail facilities or work with law enforcement personnel. Unpaid interns have been utilized on a limited basis, as permitted by stringent COVID precautionary measures.

Measure Type	Primary Measure	FY20 Actual	FY21 Budgeted	FY21 Estimate	FY22 Offer
Output	# of service hours contributed by MCSO volunteers, interns & community partners	13,737	14,750	4,000	9,875
Outcome	Dollar value savings resulting from contributions of volunteer time	349,332	300,000	101,720	251,121
Output	Number of applicant inquiries and pre-screening reviews	307	350	140	259
Outcome	Number of MCSO work units supported by volunteers, interns, community partners	20	20	20	20

The Independent Sector hourly valuation of volunteer time is \$25.43 based on 2019 figures.

FY 2021 estimates reflect an understanding that current patterns will likely continue through the end of FY 2021, FY 2022 offers reflect a projection that volunteer activities will slowly resume at the start of FY 2022 and will normalize the second half of FY 2022.

Legal / Contractual Obligation

Compliance monitoring of CJIS (Criminal Justice Information Systems), PREA (Prison Rape Elimination Act), and Harassment and Discrimination policies.

	Adopted General Fund	Adopted Other Funds	Proposed General Fund	Proposed Other Funds
Program Expenses	2021	2021	2022	2022
Personnel	\$126,310	\$0	\$130,625	\$0
Materials & Supplies	\$4,474	\$0	\$4,474	\$0
Internal Services	\$425	\$0	\$400	\$0
Total GF/non-GF	\$131,209	\$0	\$135,499	\$0
Program Total:	\$131	,209	\$135,499	
Program FTE	1.00	0.00	1.00	0.00
Program Revenues				
Total Revenue	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0

Significant Program Changes

Last Year this program was: FY 2021: 60435 Volunteers