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TO: Board of County Commissioners

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SUBJECT: General Fund Contingency request of \$164,000 of One-Time-Only funds to hire and train 20 corrections deputies to fill vacant posts (Budget Modification MCSO-14)

The Multnomah County Sheriff's Office is requesting \$164,000 of one-time-only (OTO) General Funds to hire, equip and train 20 Corrections Deputies to fill vacant positions and reduce the reliance on overtime to fill corrections posts.

The Sheriff's Office has experienced a growing number of vacancies in FY 2012 due to attrition and retirements. Because the jails run on a 24/7 schedule, posts are currently being manned using overtime.

This action is a continuation of the request brought before the Board in March 2012. At that time, the Board appropriated \$399,000 of General Fund contingency and requested the Sheriff return to the Board with updated hiring and spending information.

General Fund Contingency Policy Compliance

The Budget Office is required to inform the Board if contingency requests submitted for approval satisfy the guidelines for using the General Fund Contingency.

In particular,

- Criteria 1 states contingency requests should be for one-time-only purposes.
The funding to hire 20 Corrections Deputies has been requested as a one-time-only.
- Criteria 2 addresses emergencies and unanticipated situations.
This request responds to a situation that was not discussed during the FY 2012 budget process but has been discussed during the [FY 2009](#) and [FY 2011](#) Budget Notes, Board Briefings and has been an ongoing challenge for the Sheriff's Office.
- Criteria 3 addresses items identified in Board Budget Notes.
This item was not identified in the FY 2012 Budget Notes.