

## INITIATIVE 11.

Design and deliver innovative services through continued justice system reform to maximize community safety, rehabilitation, accountability, and cost effectiveness.

### COUNTY ROLE

While Thurston County is mandated to provide courts and related services, it is also committed to pursuing innovative justice initiatives designed to keep individuals out of the justice system and to supporting the success of individuals seeking stabilize their lives in the community.

### DESIRED FUTURE STATE

People are safe where-ever they live, work, and play in Thurston County; individuals are held accountable for criminal conduct; and legal rights and due process for all people are respected and honored.

### STRATEGIES

#### Short-Term Strategies for 2019/2020

- Continue to develop and implement system best practices and model programs including: First Look, Felony Leadership Improvement Project (FLIP), the Trueblood grant (to divert certain incarcerated populations to be released from the jail during the pendency of their criminal case), and Triage (the County's mental health facility).
- Focus jail resources on higher risk populations by conducting a full pretrial screening on all individuals arrested prior to their preliminary hearing, including utilization of a validated risk assessment tool.
- Increase collaboration between departments and offices for prevention and diversion.
- Partner with the business community on potential job programs.
- Strengthen the communication between the partners for prevention.

#### Resources Needed

- Additional resources will be necessary to implement justice reform initiatives.

#### Longer-Term Strategies

- Expand our innovative services by providing additional supports for individuals seeking to reenter society after incarceration.
- Seek to decrease number of people entering the justice system.

#### Resources Needed

- Additional funding would be needed to support program expansions.

## INITIATIVE 12.

Enhance effective and timely law enforcement responses to protect public safety.



### COUNTY ROLE

The provision of law enforcement services through the Sheriff's Office and county jail is a Mandatory Service.

### DESIRED FUTURE STATE

People are safe wherever they live, work, visit, and play in Thurston County.

### STRATEGIES

#### Short-Term Strategies for 2019/2020

- Increase the training and tools available for staff to meet current challenges, such as engaging with homeless and mentally ill populations, including Law Enforcement Assisted Diversion and Sequential Intercept Model (SIMS).
- Improve response times to Priority 1 and Priority 2 calls for service by adjusting the Police Allocation Model and adding staff capacity.
- Start expansion of the Thurston County jail.

#### Resources Needed

- Additional officers are needed to meet desired response times for Priority 1 and 2 calls.

#### Longer-Term Strategies

- Strengthen our ability to fight career criminals through expanded use of technology and crime analysts.
- Increase resources for treating, housing, and interacting with mentally ill individuals, seeking to keep them out of the criminal justice system.

#### Resources Needed

- A voter-approved mechanism will be necessary to provide desired additional services and resources.