

Deschutes County FY 2016 Goals and Objectives

Mission Statement

Enhancing the lives of citizens by delivering quality services in a cost-effective manner.

Safe Communities: Protect the community through planning, preparedness, and coordinated public safety services.

1. Collaborate with county and community partners in preparing for and responding to natural and man-made disasters.
2. Promote targeted prevention, diversion, and intervention programs to reduce recidivism and future demands on county services achieved through the continuum of incarceration, detention, and supervision services.
3. Respond to, investigate, and prosecute criminal activity to ensure the guilty are held accountable, the innocent are protected, and the rights of all citizens are respected.
4. Implement the 911 strategic plan for 2015-18.
5. Assess and respond to marijuana legalization as it relates to community law enforcement, health, and land use regulations.

Healthy People: Enhance and protect the health and well-being of the community through advocacy, prevention, education, and services.

1. Consider population health, wellness, and multi-modal connectivity in the design and implementation of infrastructure.
2. Assess and adjust to changing health system reforms, address gaps in service, and strategize regional approaches.
3. Provide timely and convenient access to quality health and human services.
4. Assess, preserve, promote, and protect the basic health and wellness of the community through partnerships, community education, outreach, and advocacy.
5. Identify gaps and needs and advocate for funding solutions related to transit options, homelessness, and affordable housing.

Resilient Economy: Promote policies and actions that stimulate economic vitality.

1. Complete strategic capital projects that strengthen the region's economy.
2. Partner with organizations that stimulate economic vitality.
3. Support land use programs and initiatives that promote economic growth and diversity, livability, and sustainability.
4. Support beneficial management and access policies of publicly-owned natural resources to promote tourism and recreational activities.
5. Pursue inter-jurisdictional and interdepartmental cooperation to enhance service delivery and the cost-effectiveness of public services.

Natural Resources: Promote environmental stewardship through assessment, advocacy, and collaboration.

1. Enhance and protect air, land, and water resources.
2. Educate the public and enforce policies regarding noxious weed control and eradication.

3. Support healthy and sustainable forest and public land management practices and oversight.
4. Restore and maintain landscapes across all jurisdictions that are resilient to fire-related disturbances.
5. Partner with community members and appropriate agencies to preserve and protect South County's water resources.

Quality Service Delivery: Provide internal support and external services that are innovative, efficient, and comprehensive.

1. Encourage and expand opportunities for public engagement with Deschutes County government.
2. Provide internal support to county operations to ensure cost-effective and efficient delivery of services to the public.
3. Support employee wellness, development, productivity, and job satisfaction.
4. Support and promote Deschutes County Customer Service "Every Time" Standards.
5. Adapt to changing state and federal laws, industry trends, and community needs in continuing to provide innovative services to the public.

Effective Asset Management: Preserve and enhance capital and fiscal assets.

1. Utilize best management practices to sustain the quality of county assets and infrastructure.
2. Improve financial and human resources data systems to promote streamlined business processes.
3. Develop financial strategies to ensure long-term stability.
4. Plan for long-term building and facility capital needs including major maintenance and replacement strategies.