

Deschutes County FY 2015 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. Facilitate collaborative planning among county and community partners to enhance emergency preparedness.
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. Facilitate collaborative planning on county-wide communications and infrastructure.

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

1. Consider population health, wellness, safety, and multi-modal connectivity in the design and implementation of infrastructure.
2. Participate in defining and driving systems reform and alignment.
3. Ensure children, youth, and families are protected, healthy, and successful.
4. Provide timely access to quality and affordable health care for the most vulnerable populations.
5. Assess, preserve, promote, and protect the basic health and wellness of residents.
6. Provide physical and behavioral health treatment and support services to meet the needs of the community.
7. Promote preventive health through partnerships, community education, outreach, and advocacy.

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

1. Initiate strategic capital programming, including transportation and communications infrastructure, construction, and other needs.
2. Partner with organizations that stimulate economic vitality.
3. Provide cost-efficient and innovative infrastructure that supports local economic opportunities and livable communities.
4. Support land use policies that promote beneficial utilization of the land for economic growth.
5. Support beneficial management and access policies of publicly owned natural resources to promote tourism and recreational activities.
6. Pursue inter-jurisdictional and interdepartmental cooperation to enhance service delivery and the cost-effectiveness of public services.

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

1. Partner with community members and appropriate agencies to preserve and protect South County's 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. Enhance and protect air, land, and water resources.

Effective Service Delivery: Maintain confidence in Deschutes County through sound fiscal management and responsiveness to the public.

1. Continue to provide opportunities for public engagement with Deschutes County government.
2. Provide support to County operations to ensure cost-effective and efficient delivery of services to the public.
3. Support employee development, productivity, and job satisfaction.
4. Support and promote Deschutes County Customer Service "Every Time" standards.