



Program #15304C - Unit D – Gun Violence Case Management OTO FY 2024 Proposed

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Program Offer Type: New **Program Offer Stage:** Proposed

Related Programs:

Program Characteristics: Backfill State/Federal/Grant, One-Time-Only Request

Executive Summary

In September 2021, the Board made a mid-year investment of \$1.05 million of American Rescue Plan funds to support four limited duration deputy district attorneys and two limited duration investigators for 9 months. This program continues that funding for one deputy district attorney and one investigator, with one-time-only General Fund.

Program Description

This program is part of a national effort to recover from the impacts of the COVID 19 pandemic. Gun violence—shootings and homicides—increased in Multnomah County at record rates, exceeding all historical norms during the last year. Multnomah County now has one of the highest homicide rates in the United States. This violence disproportionately impacts BIPOC people and communities. Prosecutors respond to all homicide scenes to assist investigators. There are a limited number of prosecutors with the experience and training to handle these complex cases. This program funds two prosecutors and two investigators assigned to gun violence reduction efforts in the community and to assist existing staff. As of 2/28/2023, there were 323 open (pending resolution) cases with at least one charge that constitutes gun violence, more than double the number of open gun violence cases compared to February 2019.

In addition to the increased rates of violent gun related crime, prosecutors face an enormous backlog of cases due to pandemic related court slowdowns. As the courts reopen, this backlog of cases requires additional prosecutors and investigators to assist victims and witnesses and to seek case resolutions that will improve community safety.

Prosecutors utilize a public health model and an equity and racial justice approach to reduce harm, hold offenders accountable, and help survivors and victims of gun violence heal. When appropriate and to increase community safety, offenders receive court supervised drug, alcohol and mental health treatment programs rather than incarceration.

Performance Measures

Measure Type	Primary Measure	FY22 Actual	FY23 Budgeted	FY23 Estimate	FY24 Offer
Output					
Outcome					

Performance Measures Descriptions

Revenue/Expense Detail

	Adopted General Fund	Adopted Other Funds	Proposed General Fund	Proposed Other Funds
Program Expenses	2023	2023	2024	2024
Personnel	\$0	\$0	\$373,134	\$0
Total GF/non-GF	\$0	\$0	\$373,134	\$0
Program Total:	\$0		\$373,134	
Program FTE	0.00	0.00	2.00	0.00

Program Revenues				
Total Revenue	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0

Explanation of Revenues

Significant Program Changes

Last Year this program was: FY 2023: 15901 ARP - Gun Violence Case Backlog

In FY 2024, this Program Offer was submitted as PO 15901 with 4.00 FTE funded with ARP. In the Proposed Budget, the funding for this program changed from ARP to the OTO General Fund and the program offer name changed to 15304C. Additionally, this program offer's FTE was reduced from 4.00 to 2.00. The other 2.00 FTE is located in PO 15304B.