



Program #60520B - Detectives Unit - Reducing Community Violence Involving Firearms 3/7/2022

Department: Sheriff **Program Contact:** Carey Kaer
Program Offer Type: Innovative/New Program **Program Offer Stage:** As Requested
Related Programs: 60510B
Program Characteristics: Out of Target

Executive Summary

Violence throughout Multnomah County is a growing threat to our community’s sense of safety, trust and belonging. Our neighbors are experiencing these tragic consequences nearly every day, and the sheer number of homicides, shootings with injuries and property damage, and number of shell casings recovered, is staggering.

Program Summary

COVID-19 public health emergency has caused an increase in violence. The County eclipsed its highest number of homicides annually in 2021. Tragically, there were 81 deaths, with 69 in the City of Portland, 11 in the City of Gresham and 1 in east unincorporated county. There have been over 1000 shootings with injuries or property damage and unfortunately this trend is not slowing down.

To address this growing threat to the safety of our neighborhoods and our neighbors, MCSO will increase our Detective Unit by an additional two Detectives (2 FTE), to focus on gun violence investigations and investigations involving illegal possession of firearms. One of the additional Detectives is assigned to the Federal Bureau of Investigation’s Safe Streets Initiative (which is currently unfunded). The second additional Deputy would focus on investigating incidents of illegal possession of firearms.

The seizure of firearms has increased in 2021. In 2021, there were 863 firearms seized, recovered or surrendered to MCSO as compared to an average of 235 firearms per year (between 2012 to 2020).

In 2021, MCSO investigated 28 confirmed shooting incidents (5 of which involved people getting injured). The City of Portland Office of Violence Prevention (OVP) estimated that each shooting event that involves injury cost the whole system \$670,000 and each homicide “costs to the City” is \$1,400,000.

Performance Measures

Measure Type	Primary Measure	FY21 Actual	FY22 Budgeted	FY22 Estimate	FY23 Offer
Output	Number of gun violence investigations/illegal firearm possession investigations	N/A	N/A	N/A	35
Outcome	Percent cases presented to the DA’s Office/Federal Prosecution for consideration	N/A	N/A	N/A	75%

Performance Measures Descriptions

Revenue/Expense Detail

	Adopted General Fund	Adopted Other Funds	Requested General Fund	Requested Other Funds
Program Expenses	2022	2022	2023	2023
Personnel	\$0	\$0	\$311,634	\$0
Total GF/non-GF	\$0	\$0	\$311,634	\$0
Program Total:	\$0		\$311,634	
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: