



Program #60520B - Additional Detectives FY 2025 Department Requested

Department: Sheriff **Program Contact:** Carey Kaer
Program Offer Type: New Request **Program Offer Stage:** Department Requested
Related Programs:
Program Characteristics: Backfill State/Federal/Grant, Out of Target

Executive Summary

This offer adds two Detectives to the MCSO Detectives Unit. The goal of this unit is to investigate all serious person crimes, including those involving homicide, sexual assault, domestic violence, crimes against children, crimes against the elderly and other vulnerable populations, and firearm-related crimes. Despite significant need for investigations of crimes against the most vulnerable members of our community, the unit has not received consistent County funding.

Program Description

The MCSO Detectives Unit is integral to interdicting the most serious crimes, doing everything from conducting investigations, to apprehending suspects, to assisting with prosecutions. Unfortunately the need for this work has grown and continues to grow, particularly as it pertains to crimes against our community's most vulnerable. For instance, MCSO detectives investigate more than 150 cases of child abuse each month, on top of investigations related to elder abuse, gun violence, and youth violence. The demand for detective work far outstrips current funding.

In FY2024 MCSO lost funding for a dedicated Gun Violence Prevention Detective and received temporary one-year funding for a child abuse detective. MCSO needs permanent, sustainable funding for this work, and as such requests an expansion of the unit to by two Detective FTEs.

Performance Measures

Measure Type	Performance Measure	FY23 Actual	FY24 Budgeted	FY24 Estimate	FY25 Target
Output	Total cases investigated	600	700	700	700
Outcome	Total cases cleared	400	425	425	425
Output	Person crime cases investigated	550	500	500	500
Outcome	Person crime cases cleared	350	400	400	400

Performance Measures Descriptions

Data from Law Enforcement Associates Data Technologies caseload database and RMS. There has been a dramatic increase in the number of serious person crime cases investigated by Detectives while over past years cutting FTE's to the program. Total cases are expected to be fewer as property crimes are no longer able to be assigned in the Detectives Unit based on the increase of serious person crimes; especially child abuse crimes.

Revenue/Expense Detail

	Adopted General Fund	Adopted Other Funds	Department Requested General Fund	Department Requested Other Funds
Program Expenses	2024	2024	2025	2025
Personnel	\$0	\$172,845	\$476,587	\$0
Materials & Supplies	\$0	\$0	\$4,000	\$0
Total GF/non-GF	\$0	\$172,845	\$480,587	\$0
Program Total:	\$172,845		\$480,587	
Program FTE	0.00	1.00	2.00	0.00

Program Revenues				
Intergovernmental	\$0	\$172,845	\$0	\$0
Total Revenue	\$0	\$172,845	\$0	\$0

Explanation of Revenues

Significant Program Changes

Last Year this program was:

In FY 2024, one detective of this program was funded by one-time-only Federal American Rescue Plan (ARP) Direct County funding (60989). This program is a request for ongoing County General Fund support.