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Program Offer Type:	Operating	Program Offer Stage:	Proposed
Related Programs:			
Program Characteristics:			

Program Description

Multnomah County Sheriff's Office (MCSO) Gun Dispossession program provides for countywide investigation of restraining order violations, specifically when the respondents do not comply by dispossessing themselves of their firearms. Since approximately 2015, MCSO has collaborated with the Portland Police Bureau, Multnomah County District Attorney's Office, and the Multnomah County Circuit Court in enforcing the gun dispossession clause of restraining orders by working with both petitioners and respondents to gain compliance with the court orders.

In 2011, a model surrender protocol was developed in a statewide domestic violence firearms task force, and this process is currently being utilized in Multnomah County. In January 2020, this protocol was extended to the other protection orders through an Oregon House of Representatives Bill, which include Stalking Orders, Sex Abuse Protection Orders, Disabled and Elder Abuse Protection Orders, and Family Abuse Protection Orders. The purpose of this program is to provide one MCSO full-time employee to partner with the Portland Police Bureau's Family Services Division for education and enforcement actions against respondents who do not comply with the firearms prohibition on their restraining order and to conduct follow-up investigations on restraining order violations. The unit will also investigate general restraining order violations and present cases to the District Attorney's Office for prosecution.

This unit helps educate and/or force respondents to comply with the court order to surrender their firearms. It conducts investigations to locate the respondents and their firearms. This reduces the number of illicit firearms in the community, and assists in reducing domestic violence lethality by removing firearms from the respondent's possession. Data shows that access to firearms can increase the risk of death to the petitioner by five times and up to twenty times if the respondent had made prior threats or assaults with firearms. Statistics demonstrate that an abuser's access to firearms increases the risk of homicide of a female partner by 400%, and the mere presence of a gun increases fivefold the chance that domestic violence results in homicide.

The Gun Dispossession VRO Detail:

- Seizes firearms held by subjects of restraining orders and protection orders
- Investigates restraining order violations for follow-up

Performance Measures

Measure Type	Performance Measure	FY24 Actual	FY25 Budgeted	FY25 Estimate	FY26 Target
Output	Number of firearms dispossessed	463	N/A	265	275
Output	Number of firearm declarations	464	N/A	419	425

Performance Measures Descriptions

Revenue/Expense Detail

	Adopted General Fund	Adopted Other Funds	Proposed General Fund	Proposed Other Funds
Program Expenses	2025	2025	2026	2026
Personnel	\$473,276	\$0	\$545,854	\$0
Internal Services	\$7,621	\$0	\$9,665	\$0
Total GF/non-GF	\$480,897	\$0	\$555,519	\$0
Program Total:	\$480,897		\$555,519	
Program FTE	2.00	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 2025: 60555A Gun Dispossession/VRO Detail

Combined Gun Dispossession programs in FY 2026.
1.00 FTE Deputy Sheriff position moved from 60555C.