



Program #60990 - ARP – Civil Process – Reducing Community Violence Involving Firearms FY 2024 Adopted

Department: Sheriff **Program Contact:** Steve Bevens
Program Offer Type: Existing **Program Offer Stage:** Adopted
Related Programs: 60510A
Program Characteristics: One-Time-Only Request

Executive Summary

Gun 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. Additionally, national statistics indicate that a presence of a firearm in a domestic violence situation increases the risk of homicide by 500% and that 19% of domestic violence involves a firearm.

Program Description

COVID-19 public health emergency has caused an increase in violence, including domestic violence. 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 Civil Unit by an additional two Deputies (2 FTE), to focus on the timely service of family protection orders and dispossession of firearms and ammunition when ordered by the court. These two additional Deputies will work with the Gun Dispossession Sergeant to greatly increase the likelihood of a successful service of a protection order and the removal of firearms from volatile situations.

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	FY22 Actual	FY23 Budgeted	FY23 Estimate	FY24 Offer
Output	Number of individuals served through civil process	416	500	450	500
Outcome	Percent protection orders served	56%	50%	55%	60%
Output	Number of gun dispossession affidavits processed	476	200	300	300

Performance Measures Descriptions

Revenue/Expense Detail

	Adopted General Fund	Adopted Other Funds	Adopted General Fund	Adopted Other Funds
Program Expenses	2023	2023	2024	2024
Personnel	\$0	\$314,382	\$0	\$358,536
Total GF/non-GF	\$0	\$314,382	\$0	\$358,536
Program Total:	\$314,382		\$358,536	
Program FTE	0.00	2.00	0.00	2.00

Program Revenues				
Intergovernmental	\$0	\$314,382	\$0	\$358,536
Total Revenue	\$0	\$314,382	\$0	\$358,536

Explanation of Revenues

Federal: American Rescue Plan (ARP) Direct County Funding - \$358,536

Significant Program Changes

Last Year this program was: FY 2023: 60990 ARP – Civil Process – Reducing Community Violence Involving Firearms

This program falls under the County's ARP priority area of Crisis Response & Community Recovery.