



**Program #60991 - ARP – Detectives Unit – Reducing Community Violence Involving Firearms** 5/2/2022

**Department:** Sheriff **Program Contact:** Carey Kaer  
**Program Offer Type:** Innovative/New Program **Program Offer Stage:** As Proposed  
**Related Programs:** 60520A  
**Program Characteristics:**

**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 Detectives (1 FTE), to focus on gun violence investigations and investigations involving illegal possession of firearms. The 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	Proposed General Fund	Proposed Other Funds
	2022	2022	2023	2023
<b>Program Expenses</b>				
Personnel	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$161,977
<b>Total GF/non-GF</b>	<b>\$0</b>	<b>\$0</b>	<b>\$0</b>	<b>\$161,977</b>
<b>Program Total:</b>	<b>\$0</b>		<b>\$161,977</b>	
<b>Program FTE</b>	0.00	0.00	0.00	1.00

<b>Program Revenues</b>				
Intergovernmental	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$161,977
<b>Total Revenue</b>	<b>\$0</b>	<b>\$0</b>	<b>\$0</b>	<b>\$161,977</b>

Explanation of Revenues

American Rescue Plan (ARP) Direct County Funding - \$161,977

Significant Program Changes

Last Year this program was:

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