



Program #60991 - ARP – Detectives Unit – Reducing Community Violence Involving Firearms FY 2024 Department Requested

Department: Sheriff **Program Contact:** Carey Kaer
Program Offer Type: Existing **Program Offer Stage:** Department Requested
Related Programs: 60520A
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 Description

COVID-19 public health emergency has caused an increase in violence. The County eclipsed its highest number of homicides annually in 2021. Tragically in 2022, there were 114 deaths, with 102 in the City of Portland, 10 in the City of Gresham, and 2 in East County. There have been over 1100 shootings with injuries or property damage; unfortunately, this trend is not slowing down.

To address this growing threat to our neighborhoods' and neighbors' safety, MCSO has increased our Detective Unit by an additional Detective (1 FTE) to focus on gun violence investigations and investigations involving the illegal possession of firearms. The additional Deputy has concentrated on investigating incidents of gun violence, and illegal possession of firearms.

The seizure of firearms has increased in 2022. MCSO has averaged 336 firearm seizures per year in the past 7 years (2015 -2021). In 2022, MCSO is paced to recover over 690 firearms. That is more than a 50% increase.

In 2022, MCSO investigated 26 confirmed shooting incidents (2 of which involved homicides). 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 gun violence investigations/illegal firearm possession investigations	40	35	45	45
Outcome	Percent cases presented to the DA’s Office/Federal Prosecution for consideration	60%	75%	65%	65%

Performance Measures Descriptions

Revenue/Expense Detail

	Adopted General Fund	Adopted Other Funds	Department Requested General Fund	Department Requested Other Funds
Program Expenses	2023	2023	2024	2024
Personnel	\$0	\$161,977	\$0	\$172,845
Total GF/non-GF	\$0	\$161,977	\$0	\$172,845
Program Total:	\$161,977		\$172,845	
Program FTE	0.00	1.00	0.00	1.00

Program Revenues				
Intergovernmental	\$0	\$161,977	\$0	\$172,845
Total Revenue	\$0	\$161,977	\$0	\$172,845

Explanation of Revenues

Federal: American Rescue Plan (ARP) Direct County Funding - \$172,845

Significant Program Changes

Last Year this program was: FY 2023: 60991 ARP – Detectives Unit – Reducing Community Violence Involving Firearms

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