

Department:

Program #15901 - ARP - Gun Violence Case Backlog

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Program Offer Type: Existing Operating Program Program Offer Stage: As Requested

Related Programs:

Program Characteristics: One-Time-Only Request, Out of Target

District Attorney

Executive Summary

To address a dramatic increase in gun violence and reduced ability to resolve gun violence cases during COVID restrictions, this program funds a prosecution team comprised of four attorneys and two investigators. The team will utilize a public health approach to consider the role of prosecutions in preventing future shootings and helping victims and survivors heal.

Program Summary

This program is part of a national effort to recover from the impacts of the COVID 19 pandemic. Gun violence—shootings and homicides—increased in Multnomah County at record rates, exceeding all historical norms during the last year. Multnomah County now has one of the highest homicide rates in the United States. This violence disproportionately impacts BIPOC people and communities. Prosecutors respond to all homicide scenes to assist investigators. There are a limited number of prosecutors with the experience and training to handle these complex cases. This program adds four prosecutors and two investigators assigned to gun violence reduction efforts in the community and to assist existing staff.

In addition to the increased rates of violent gun related crime, prosecutors face an enormous backlog of cases due to pandemic related court slowdowns. As the courts reopen, this backlog of cases requires additional prosecutors and investigators to assist victims and witnesses and to seek case resolutions that will improve community safety.

Prosecutors utilize a public health model and an equity and racial justice approach to reduce harm, hold offenders accountable, and help survivors and victims of gun violence heal. When appropriate and to increase community safety, offenders receive court supervised drug, alcohol and mental health treatment programs rather than incarceration.

Performance Measures									
Measure Type	Primary Measure	FY21 Actual	FY22 Budgeted	FY22 Estimate	FY23 Offer				
Output	Number of gun related assaults prosecuted.	N/A	N/A	300	300				
Outcome	Number of BIPOC offenders diverted from prison to treatment based case resolutions.	N/A	N/A	200	200				

Performance Measures Descriptions

The FY 2022 estimate reflects the County's mid-year investment of \$1.05 million of American Rescue Plan funding in four deputy district attorneys and two investigators for nine months.

3/7/2022

Revenue/Expense Detail

	Adopted General Fund	Adopted Other Funds	Requested General Fund	Requested Other Funds
Program Expenses	2022	2022	2023	2023
Personnel	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$1,271,802
Total GF/non-GF	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$1,271,802
Program Total:	\$0		\$1,271,802	
Program FTE	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00

Program Revenues								
Intergovernmental	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$1,271,802				
Total Revenue	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$1,271,802				

Explanation of Revenues

American Rescue Plan (ARP) Direct County Funding - \$1,271,802

Significant Program Changes

Last Year this program was:

This program offer falls under the County's Crisis Response & Community Recovery ARP Priority Area.