

Program #15304B - Gun Violence Case Backlog

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Program Offer Type: Innovative/New Program Program Offer Stage: As Adopted

Related Programs: 15901

Program Characteristics:

Executive Summary

In September 2021, the Board made a mid-year investment of \$1.05 million of American Rescue Plan funds to support four limited duration deputy district attorneys and two limited duration investigators for 9 months. This program provides ongoing County General Fund for two deputy district attorneys, while the remaining two deputy district attorneys and two investigators will continue to be funded with American Rescue Plan funds in program offer 15901 - ARP - Gun Violence Case Backlog.

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 funds two prosecutors 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.

Performa	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	N/A	150				
Outcome	Number of BIPOC offenders diverted from prison to treatment based case resolutions.	N/A	N/A	N/A	100				

Performance Measures Descriptions

Revenue/Expense Detail

	Adopted General Fund	Adopted Other Funds	Adopted General Fund	Adopted Other Funds
Program Expenses	2022	2022	2023	2023
Personnel	\$0	\$0	\$449,006	\$0
Materials & Supplies	\$0	\$0	\$994	\$0
Total GF/non-GF	\$0	\$0	\$450,000	\$0
Program Total:	\$0		\$450,000	
Program FTE	0.00	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:

In FY 2022, these positions were funded with ARP funds. In FY 2023, funding will be ongoing County General Fund.