

Department:

Program #15901 - ARP - Gun Violence Case Backlog

District Attorney

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

Related Programs: 15304B

Program Characteristics: One-Time-Only Request

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 continues that funding for two deputy district attorneys and two investigators, while the remaining two deputy district attorneys will be funded with ongoing General Fund in Program Offer 15304B - 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 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	150			
Outcome	Number of BIPOC offenders diverted from prison to treatment based case resolutions.	N/A	N/A	200	100			

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.

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Revenue/Expense Detail

	Adopted General Fund	Adopted Other Funds	Adopted General Fund	Adopted Other Funds
Program Expenses	2022	2022	2023	2023
Personnel	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$821,802
Total GF/non-GF	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$821,802
Program Total:	\$0		\$821,802	
Program FTE	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00

Program Revenues								
Intergovernmental	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$821,802				
Total Revenue	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$821,802				

Explanation of Revenues

American Rescue Plan (ARP) Direct County Funding - \$821,802

Significant Program Changes

Last Year this program was:

This program falls under the County's Crisis Response & Community Recovery ARP Priority Area. Two of the DDAs funded with ARP by the mid-year investment in FY 2022 will be funded with ongoing General Fund in FY 2023 in Program Offer 15304B - Gun Violence Case Backlog.