



2021-2022

Public Safety Sales Tax

Biennial Report

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BENTON COUNTY PUBLIC SAFETY SALES TAX

2021-2022 PUBLIC SAFETY SALES TAX BIENNIAL REPORT

At the request of the Benton County Law and Justice Council, on March 25, 2014, the Benton County Board of County Commissioners signed a resolution placing a public safety sales tax on the ballot in August 2014 for voter approval.

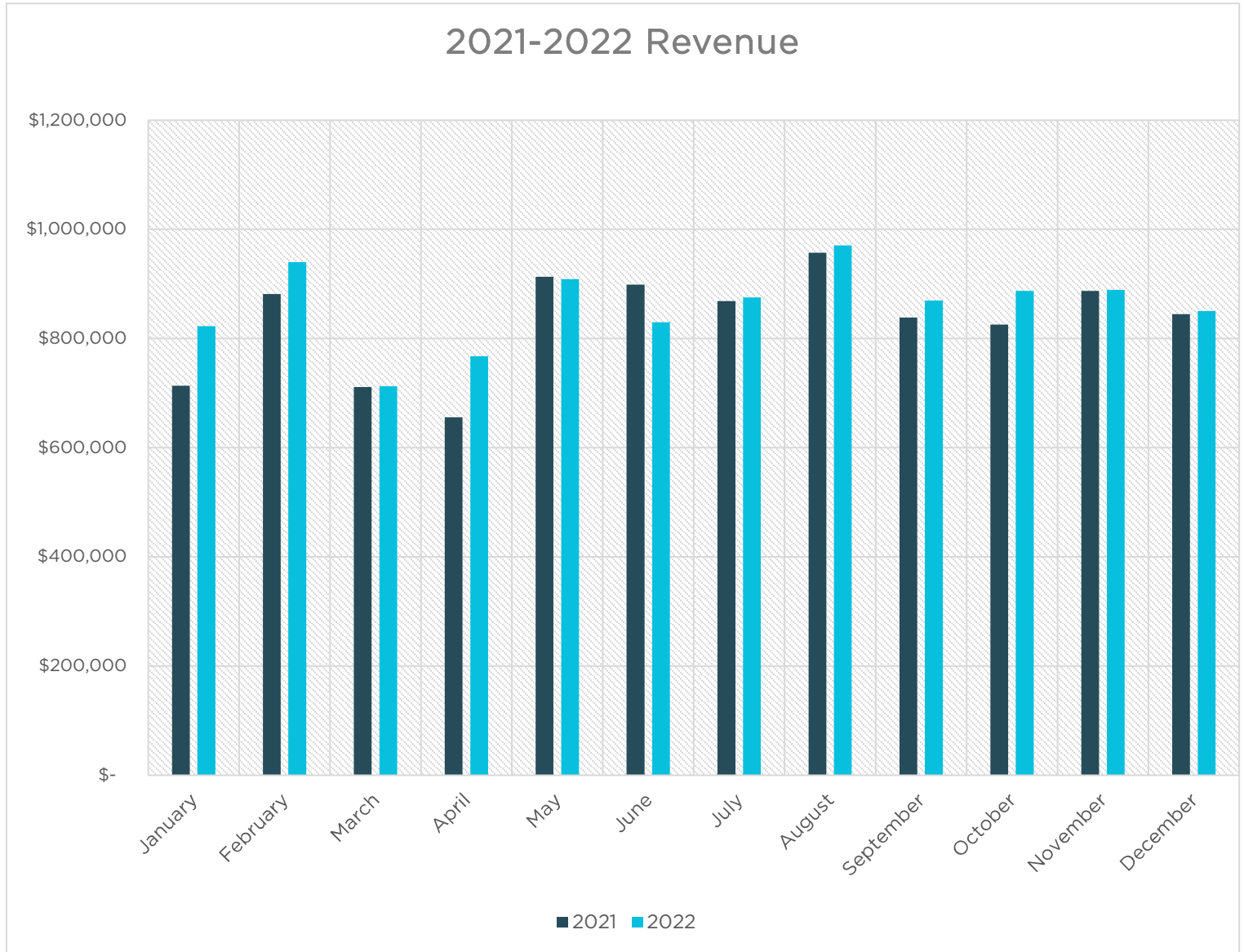
In August 2014, the voters of Benton County approved Proposition 14-5, a 0.3% sales and use tax pursuant to RCW 82.14.450 to fund criminal justice and public safety programs in Benton County. This Public Safety Sales Tax requires at least one-third of all revenues from the tax to be used for specific criminal justice purposes, with the County retaining sixty percent (60%) of revenues and the remaining forty percent (40%) of revenues being distributed to the cities based on relative population.

The purpose and goal of the Public Safety Sales Tax is to improve public safety, including combating criminal gangs. The tax funds the hiring of additional police officers, prosecutors, the Metro Drug Task Force, gang and crime prevention efforts, and court and clerk programs including drug and mental health courts. The tax is scheduled to expire December 31, 2024.

Details about the Public Safety Sales Tax can be found on the Benton County website at www.co.benton.wa.us.

REVENUE BY MONTH

2021-2022 PUBLIC SAFETY SALES TAX



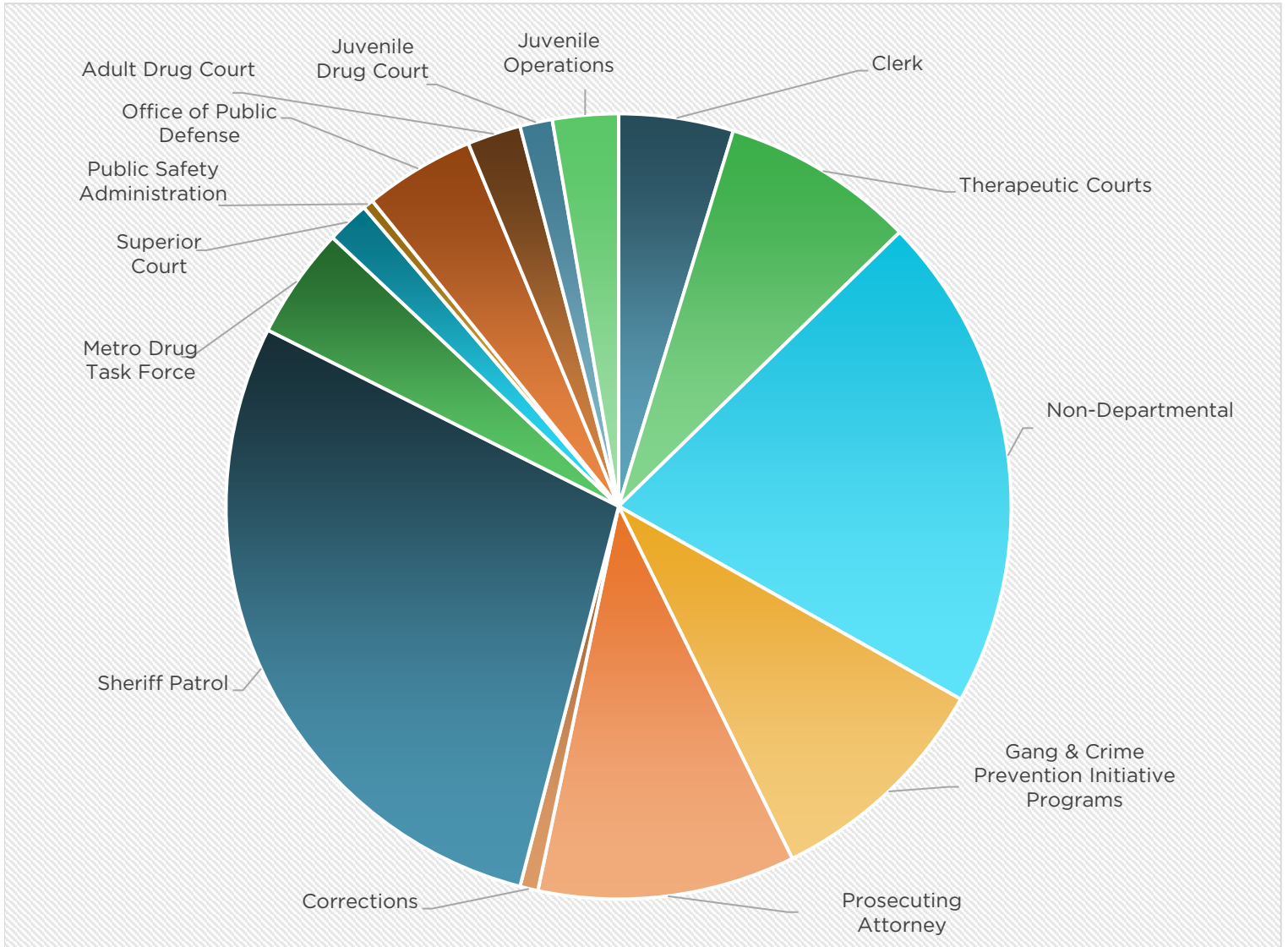
Month	2021	2022
January	\$ 713,557	\$ 822,492
February	\$ 881,387	\$ 939,692
March	\$ 711,223	\$ 712,705
April	\$ 655,648	\$ 767,697
May	\$ 913,159	\$ 908,583
June	\$ 898,918	\$ 829,857
July	\$ 868,605	\$ 875,231
August	\$ 957,286	\$ 970,704
September	\$ 838,617	\$ 869,389
October	\$ 825,471	\$ 887,018
November	\$ 887,015	\$ 888,987
December	\$ 844,394	\$ 850,313
	\$ 9,995,279	\$ 10,322,667
TOTAL 2021-2022 REVENUE	\$ 9,995,279	\$ 10,322,667

*Note: Revenues listed above do not include collected interest

**Note: Revenues are listed in the month received versus accrued

BUDGET BY DEPARTMENT

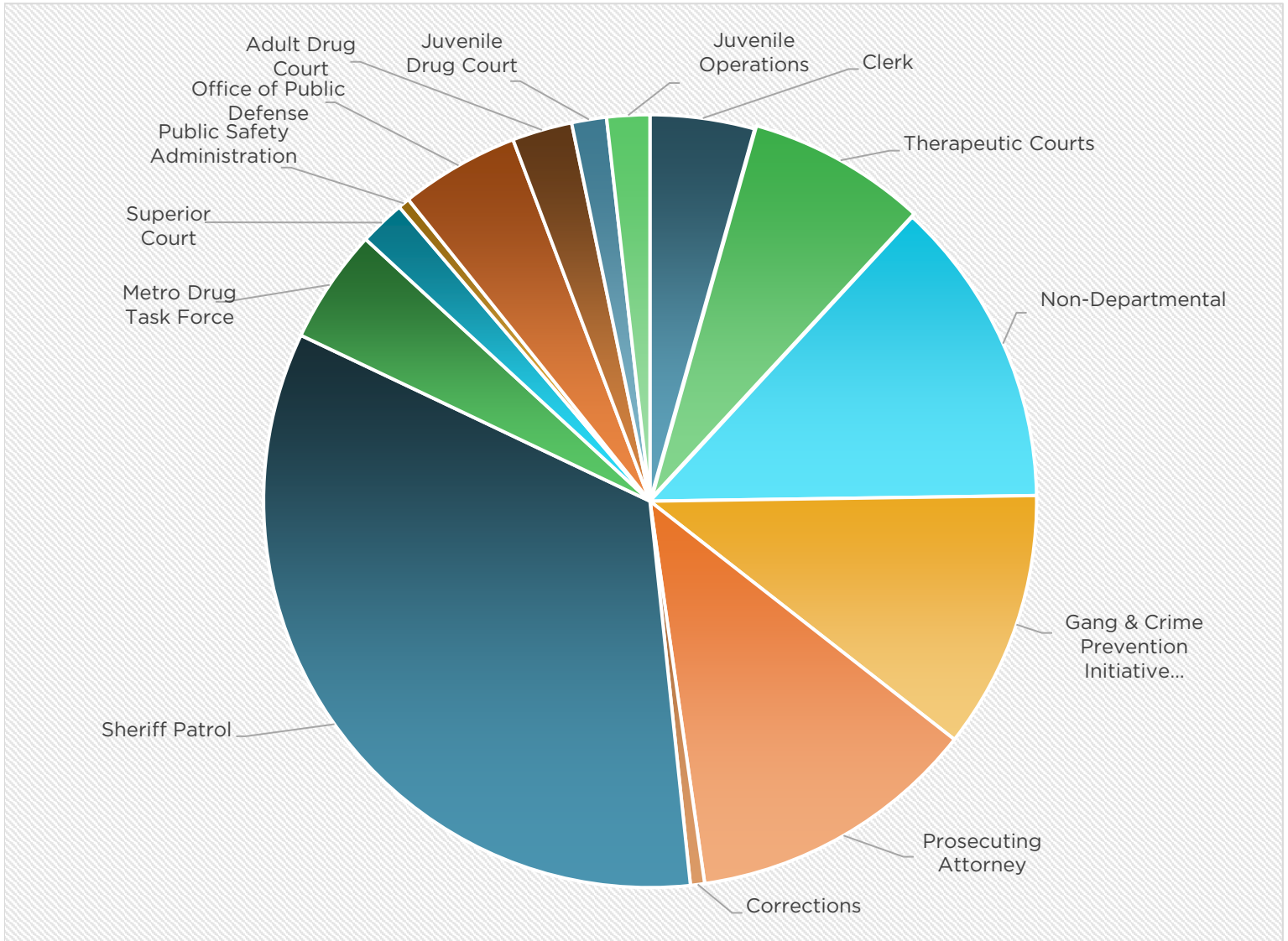
2021-2022 PUBLIC SAFETY SALES TAX



Department	Budget	Percentage
Clerk	\$ 1,227,098	4.7%
Therapeutic Courts	\$ 2,078,133	8.0%
Non-Departmental	\$ 5,324,160	20.5%
Gang & Crime Prevention Initiative Programs	\$ 2,481,893	9.5%
Prosecuting Attorney	\$ 2,756,006	10.6%
Corrections	\$ 193,878	0.7%
Sheriff Patrol	\$ 7,380,540	28.4%
Metro Drug Task Force	\$ 1,194,492	4.6%
Superior Court	\$ 456,991	1.8%
Public Safety Administration	\$ 115,198	0.4%
Office of Public Defense	\$ 1,184,251	4.6%
Adult Drug Court	\$ 575,519	2.2%
Juvenile Drug Court	\$ 344,836	1.3%
Juvenile Operations	\$ 706,048	2.7%
TOTAL 2021-2022 BUDGET	\$ 26,019,043	100%

EXPENDITURES BY DEPARTMENT

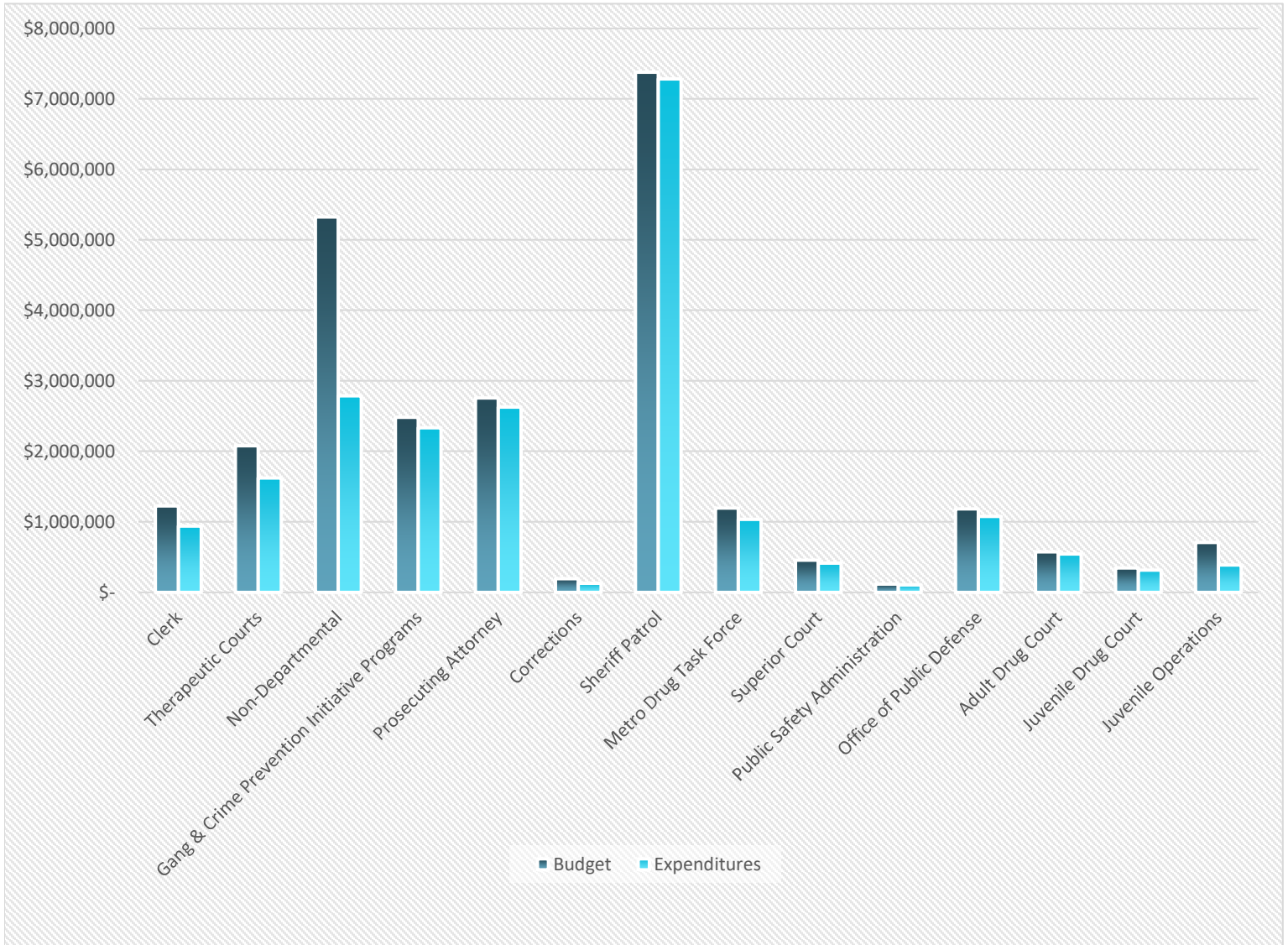
2021-2022 PUBLIC SAFETY SALES TAX



Department	Expenditures	Percentage
Clerk	\$ 940,783	4.4%
Therapeutic Courts	\$ 1,620,711	7.5%
Non-Departmental	\$ 2,789,032	12.9%
Gang & Crime Prevention Initiative Programs	\$ 2,333,125	10.8%
Prosecuting Attorney	\$ 2,627,015	12.2%
Corrections	\$ 128,376	0.6%
Sheriff Patrol	\$ 7,284,087	33.7%
Metro Drug Task Force	\$ 1,033,839	4.8%
Superior Court	\$ 414,777	1.9%
Public Safety Administration	\$ 104,678	0.5%
Office of Public Defense	\$ 1,076,495	5.0%
Adult Drug Court	\$ 542,726	2.5%
Juvenile Drug Court	\$ 313,425	1.5%
Juvenile Operations	\$ 388,788	1.8%
TOTAL 2021-2022 EXPENDITURES	\$ 21,597,856	100%

BUDGET VS. EXPENDITURES BY DEPARTMENT

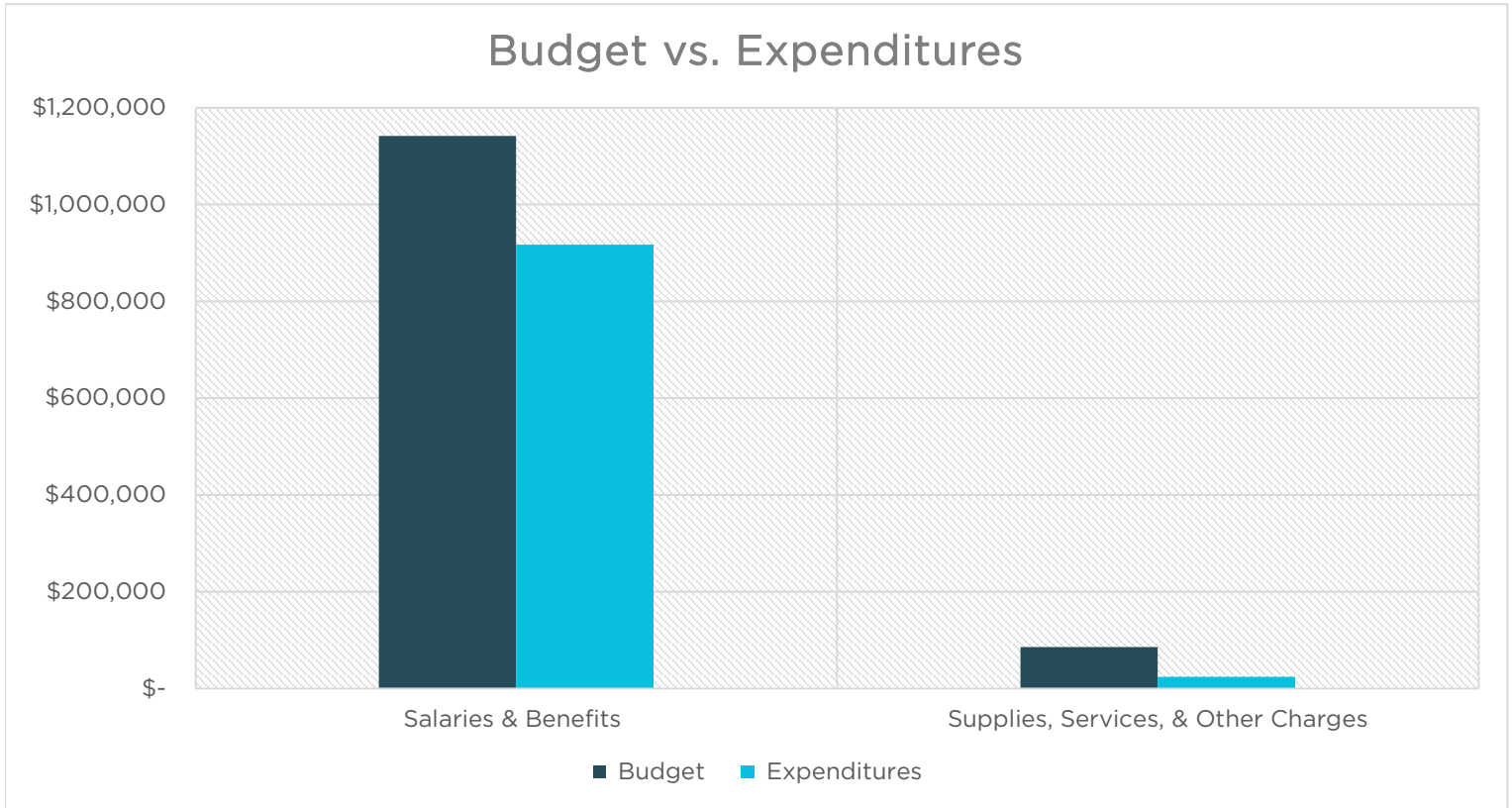
2021-2022 PUBLIC SAFETY SALES TAX



Department	Budget	Expenditures
Clerk	\$ 1,227,098	\$ 940,783
Therapeutic Courts	\$ 2,078,133	\$ 1,620,711
Non-Departmental	\$ 5,324,160	\$ 2,789,032
Gang & Crime Prevention Initiative Programs	\$ 2,481,893	\$ 2,333,125
Prosecuting Attorney	\$ 2,756,006	\$ 2,627,015
Corrections	\$ 193,878	\$ 128,376
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Juvenile Operations	\$ 706,048	\$ 388,788
TOTAL 2021-2022 BUDGET VS. EXPENDITURES	\$ 26,019,043	\$ 21,597,856

BENTON COUNTY CLERK'S OFFICE

2021-2022 PUBLIC SAFETY SALES TAX



Description	Budget	Expenditures	% Used
Salaries & Benefits	\$ 1,141,745	\$ 916,689	80.3%
Supplies, Services, & Other Charges	\$ 85,353	\$ 24,094	28.2%
Total	\$ 1,227,098	\$ 940,783	76.7%

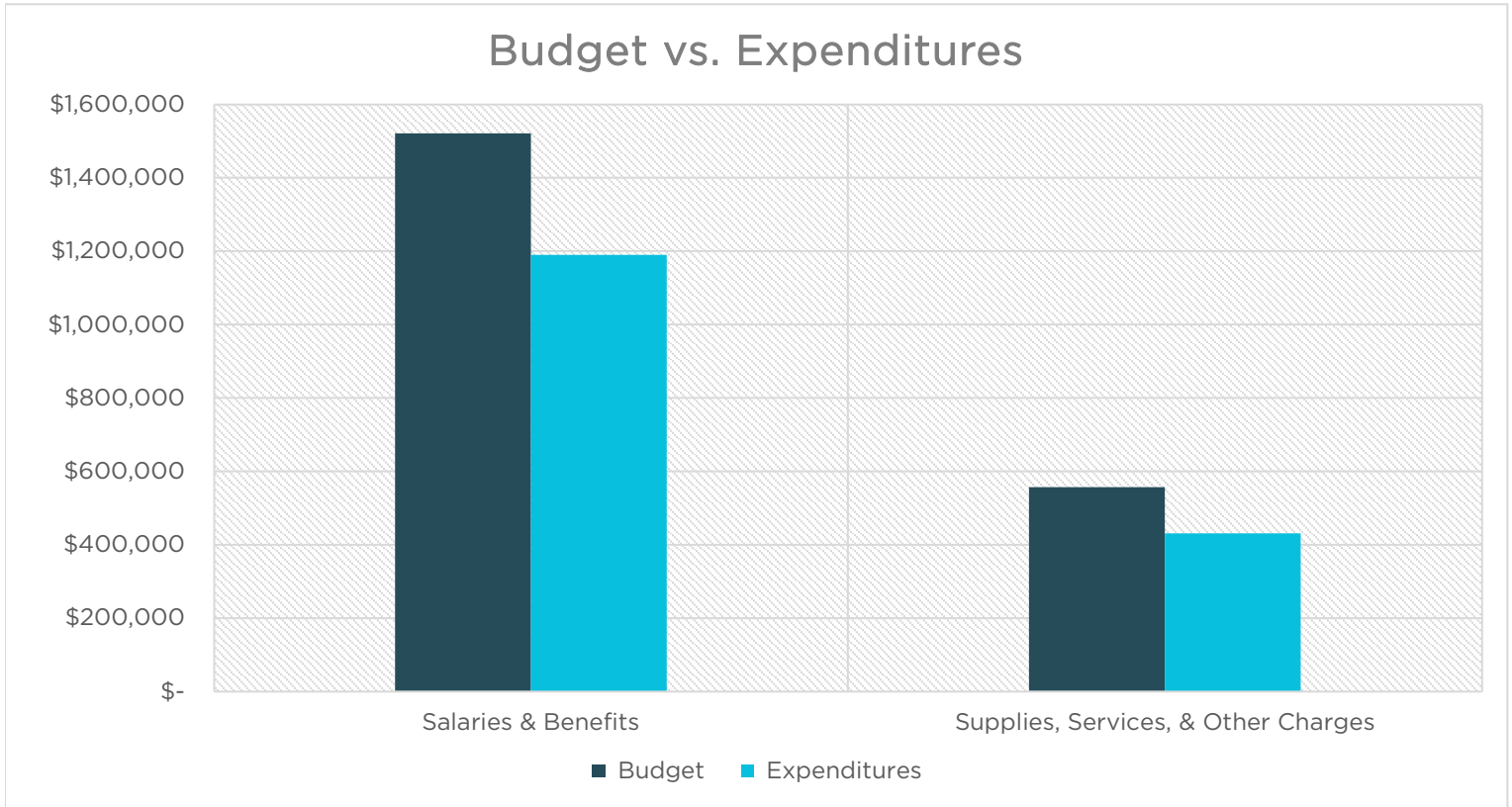
The 2021-2022 expenses for the Clerk’s office include the three Legal Process Assistant (LPA) III. These positions work the ex-parte docket that continues daily as well as assisting the public at the front counter. These positions also train in each department for dockets and trials. This has allowed clerks in specific departments to keep current on the daily duties in the assigned department.

We also have three Legal Process Assistant II funded in this budget. These positions assist with auditing all the documents filed in the Clerk’s office as well as back auditing our historical documents. These positions assist in keeping all the records organized and up to date.

We also pay a portion of the Archive Records Specialist from this fund. This position oversees the record management team (Legal Process Assistant II) that has been instrumental in digitizing records for: Office of Public Defense, District Court, Prosecutor’s office as well as Superior Court records held by the Benton County Clerk. This position worked extensively with the Superior Court judges to build a program for the judges to easily use on the bench during dockets so that we could move towards a paperless office. This position was also instrumental in training the judicial officers on how to use the OnBase "Judge Edition" program.

THERAPEUTIC COURTS

2021-2022 PUBLIC SAFETY SALES TAX



Description	Budget	Expenditures	% Used
Salaries & Benefits	\$ 1,521,079	\$ 1,189,723	78.2%
Supplies, Services, & Other Charges	\$ 557,054	\$ 430,988	77.4%
Total	\$ 2,078,133	\$ 1,620,711	78.0%

Benton County Therapeutic Courts saw continued growth during the 2021-2022 biennium with the addition of a third therapeutic court program, Recovery Court, and the hiring another 1.0 FTE Behavioral Health Specialist/Active Probation Officer.

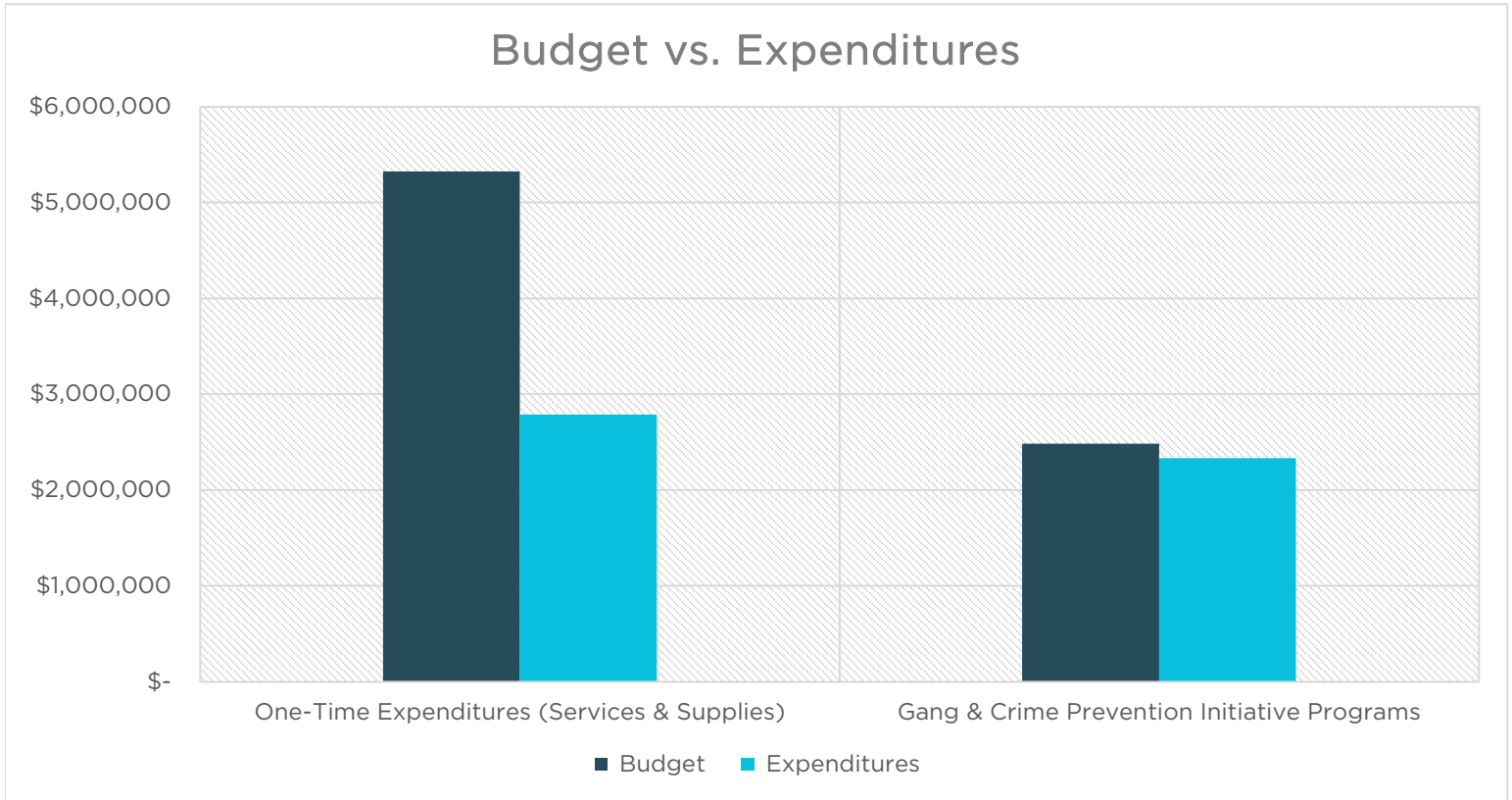
Mental Health Court has been operating for six years and has seen tremendous success. There has been a total of 128 graduates from Mental Health Court representing chronically mentally ill individuals in our community who were able to participate in an intensive rehabilitative program to achieve stability with the opportunity to have their criminal charges dismissed or amended. Mental Health Court received 290 referrals and graduated 54 participants in 2021-2022. It has a current caseload of 48 participants.

Veterans Therapeutic Court has been operating for three years and continues to flourish with a total of 40 graduates. The program received 71 referrals and graduated 29 participants in 2021-2022. It has a current caseload of 26 veterans. Veterans Court receives additional support from the Columbia Basin Veterans Center, which runs the court's mentor program.

Participants in all programs have given hundreds of volunteer hours to various community programs such as Grace Kitchen, Union Gospel Mission, Clean Sweep of Tri Cities, Therapeutic Riding of Tri Cities, food banks, and pet shelters.

ONE-TIME EXPENDITURES, GANG & CRIME PREVENTION

2021-2022 PUBLIC SAFETY SALES TAX



Description	Budget	Expenditures	% Used
One-Time Expenditures (Services & Supplies)	\$ 5,324,160	\$ 2,789,032	52.4%
Gang & Crime Prevention Initiative Programs	\$ 2,481,893	\$ 2,333,125	94.0%
Total	\$ 7,806,053	\$ 5,122,156	65.6%

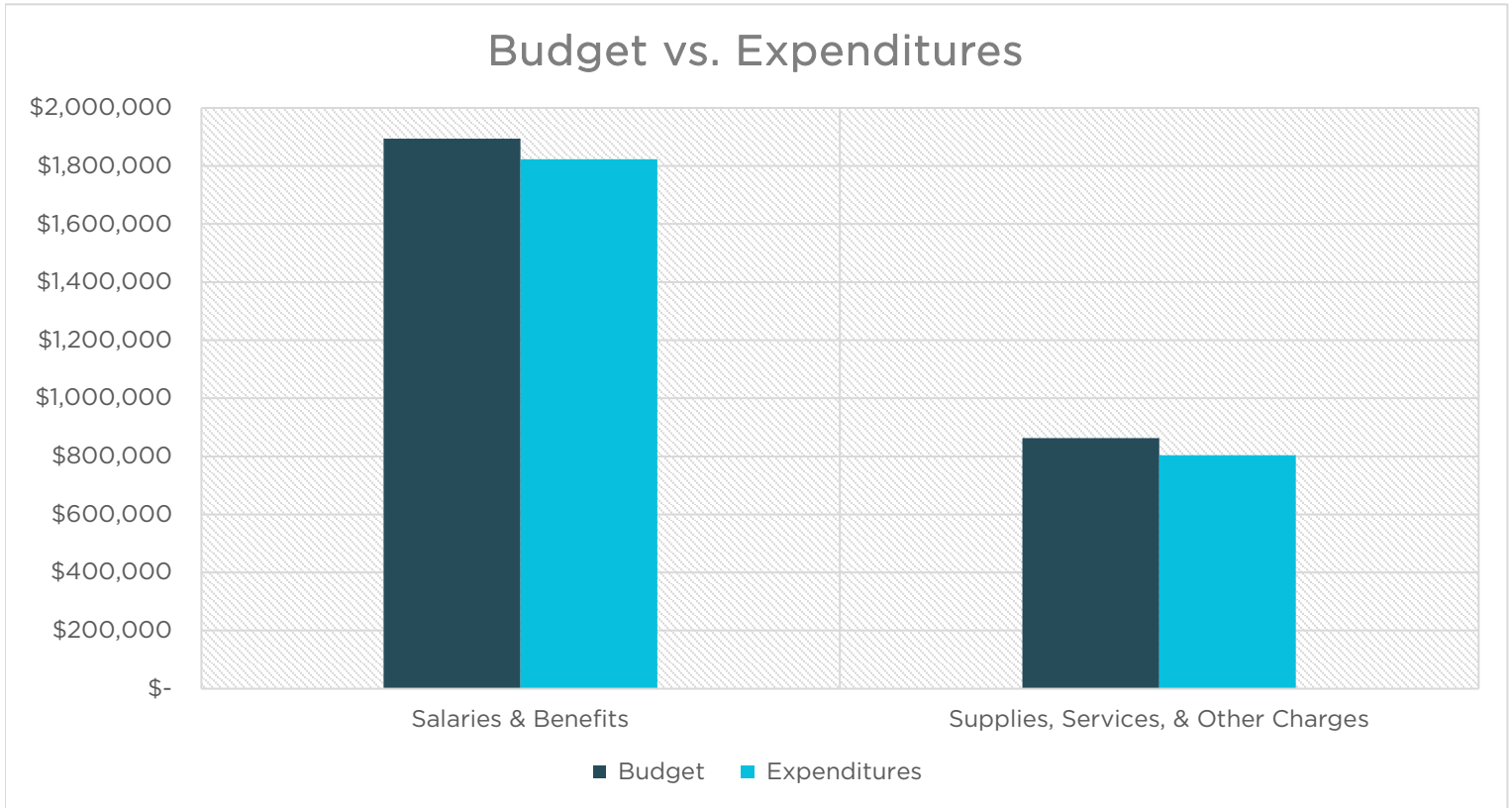
The Non-Departmental budget reflects budget allocation for the Benton County Gang & Crime Prevention Initiative (more detail on final page of this report) as well as additional contract services and one-time expenditures.

One-time expenditures purchased in 2021-2022 using the Non-Departmental budget include:

- Red Mountain Communication Tower & Road Access / ongoing
- Shooting Range expansion / ongoing
- Sheriff Patrol Vehicles
- Sheriff Body Cameras

BENTON COUNTY PROSECUTING ATTORNEY'S OFFICE

2021-2022 PUBLIC SAFETY SALES TAX



Description	Budget	Expenditures	% Used
Salaries & Benefits	\$ 1,893,676	\$ 1,822,957	96.3%
Supplies, Services, & Other Charges	862,330	804,057	93.2%
Total	\$ 2,756,006	\$ 2,627,015	95.3%

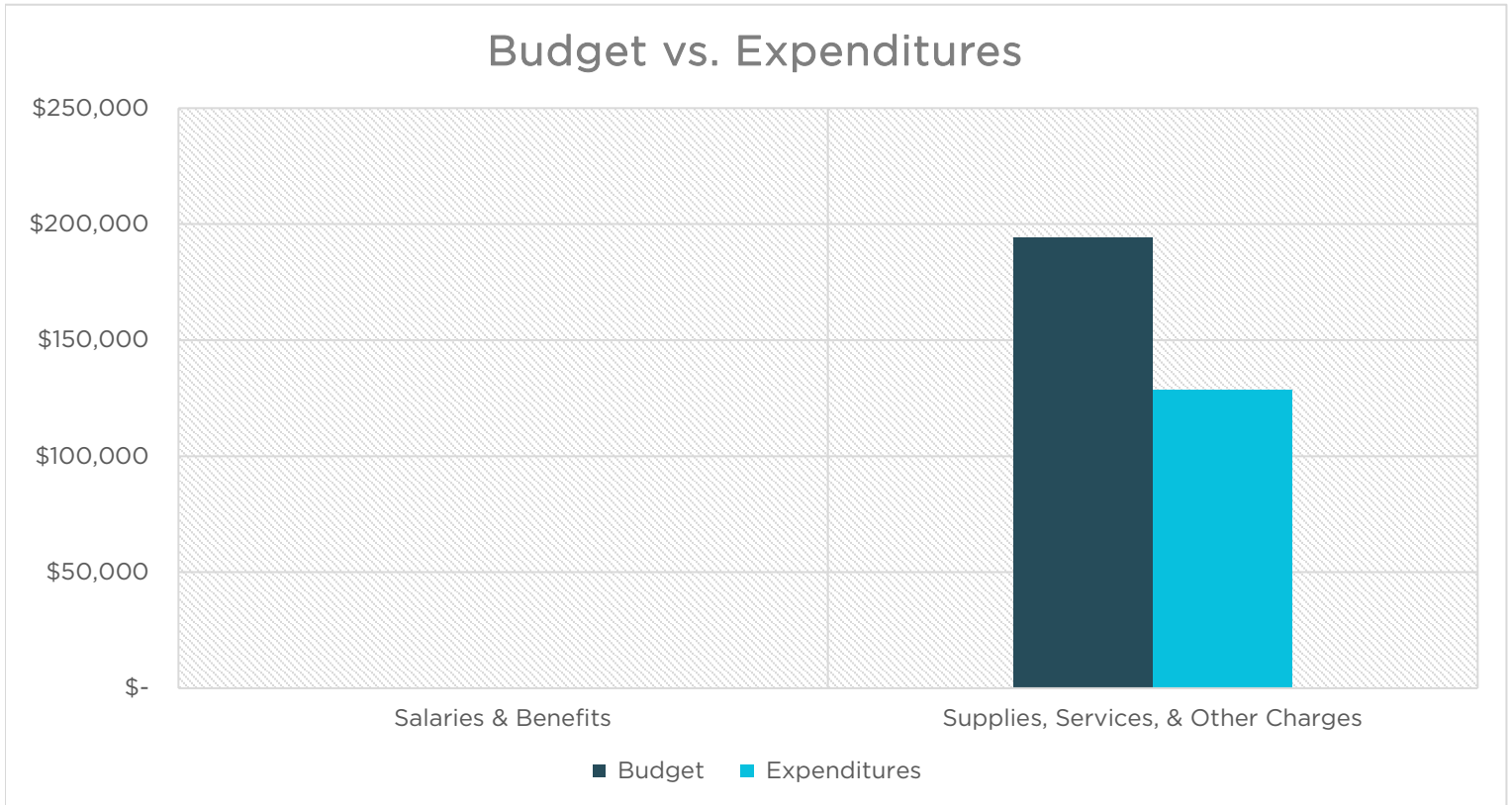
The funding for the Prosecuting Attorney’s Office from the Public Safety Sales Tax (PSST) continues to make a substantial difference. The appellate deputy prosecutor position not only has helped alleviate the caseload of the felony deputy prosecutors, but has also improved the overall quality of the office’s appellate briefs in meeting the technical rules and deadlines of appellate courts. The additional felony deputy prosecutor and additional support staff position continue to make a substantial difference; they are what allows our office to meet the 72-hour deadline in filing cases on violent and serious offenders who need to be kept in custody pending trial. The addition of these two positions also allowed for specialization of a prosecutor to be assigned gang and firearm cases which involve a high degree of preparation.

PSST provided help in three additional areas: Continuation of the existing victim witness program, development and implementation of a new database, and an additional deputy prosecutor to specialize in child sexual exploitation cases. In addition, the Prosecutor’s Office oversees the contract with Columbia Basin Veterans Center for the Veterans Forum mentorship program (an important piece of the Veterans Court).

COVID-19 challenged the Prosecutor’s Office, like all other departments, with a backlog of cases and trials that will continue to be felt into the 2023-2024 budget.

BENTON COUNTY CORRECTIONS

2021-2022 PUBLIC SAFETY SALES TAX

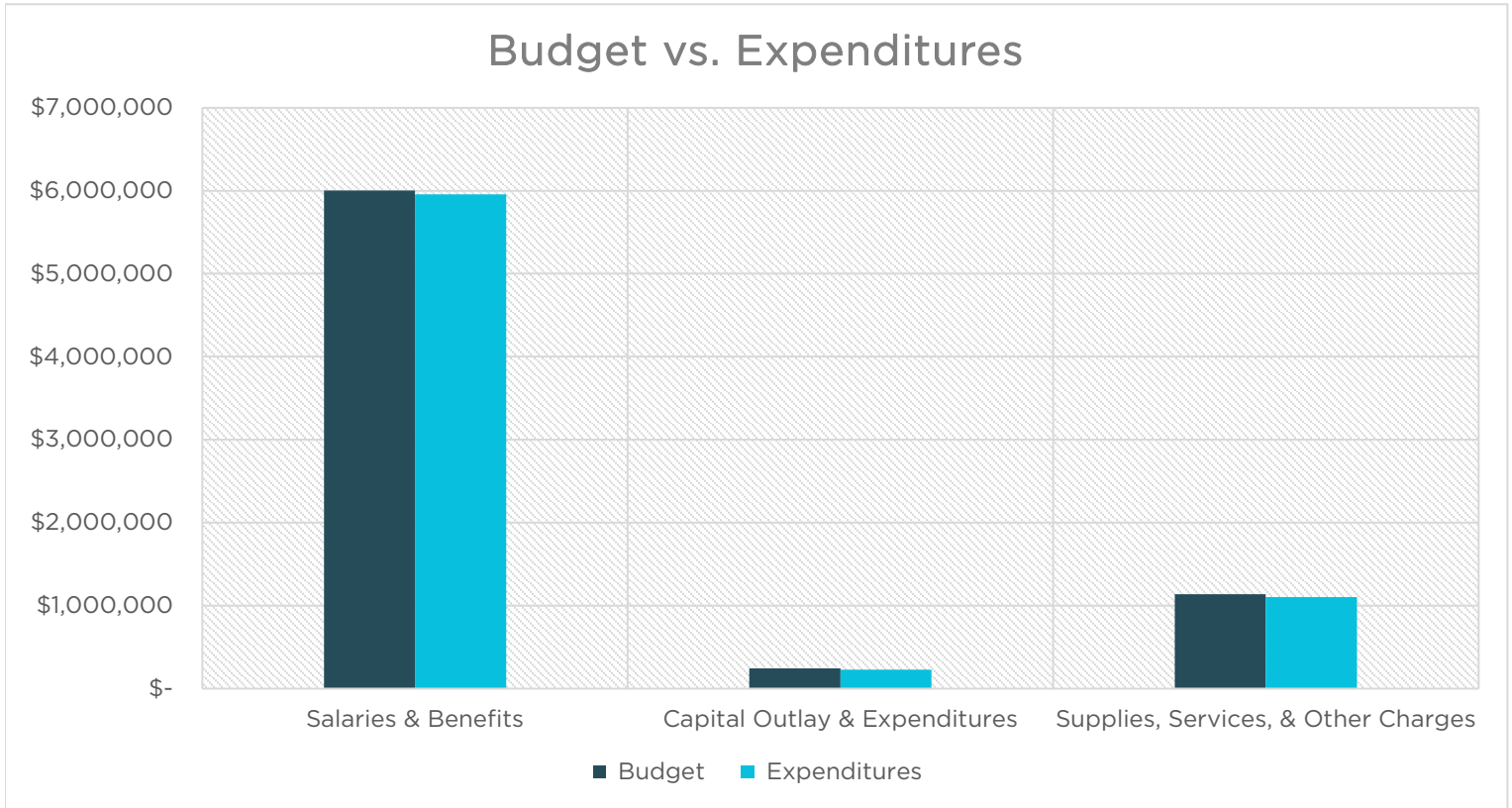


Description	Budget	Expenditures	% Used
Salaries & Benefits	\$ -	\$ -	0.0%
Supplies, Services, & Other Charges	\$ 193,878	\$ 128,376	66.2%
Total	\$ 193,878	\$ 128,376	66.2%

The Corrections Department utilizes its Public Safety Sales Tax funds to provide mental health services to inmates in the Benton County jail, through various professional services contracts.

BENTON COUNTY SHERIFF'S OFFICE: PATROL

2021-2022 PUBLIC SAFETY SALES TAX



Description	Budget	Expenditures	% Used
Salaries & Benefits	\$ 6,001,444	\$ 5,956,723	99%
Capital Outlay & Expenditures	\$ 242,814	\$ 226,258	93%
Supplies, Services, & Other Charges	\$ 1,136,282	\$ 1,101,107	97%
Total	\$ 7,380,540	\$ 7,284,087	99%

The 2021-2022 Public Safety Tax Sheriff Patrol budget and expenditures reflect two (2) years of salaries, benefits, services, and supplies for fourteen (14) deputy sheriffs, one (1) Commander, (4) Clerical Positions, one (1) Internet Crimes Against Children (ICAC) Task Force Detective, four (4) Gang Task force positions, and two (2) Metro Detectives. At the beginning of the 2019-2020 biennium, one (1) School Resource Officer (SRO) position and one (1) deputy sheriff position was newly established under PSST. Of the fourteen (14) deputy sheriff's, twelve (12) provide public safety on the road and two (2) support the only two high schools located in Benton County's jurisdiction, Benton City and Finley, to help prevent violence in the high schools. The four (4) deputy positions that make up the Gang Task force work in a collaborative fashion with other law enforcement related agencies such as probation, parole, prosecution, schools, task forces, and community resources to find effective solutions to the gang problem. The detective assigned to the Internet Crimes Against Children Task Force (ICAC) is specially trained in this field. ICAC is a national network of 61 coordinated task forces dedicated to investigating, prosecuting, and developing effective responses to internet crimes affecting children. In 2021-2022, The Sheriff's Office was awarded funds from Public Safety Tax for one-time purchases. These purchases included a portable radar trailer, 3 different forensic software's for the detective division, a new state of the art interview recording system, refurbishment of the Safeboat and 10 thermal imagers. The public safety tax funding awarded in 2021-2022 not only increased the footprint that law enforcement has in Benton County but has also aided in the hiring of deputies and the purchasing of necessary equipment to continue enforcing gang and crime prevention throughout Benton County in keeping our community safe.

METRO DRUG TASK FORCE

2021-2022 PUBLIC SAFETY SALES TAX

Budget vs. Expenditures

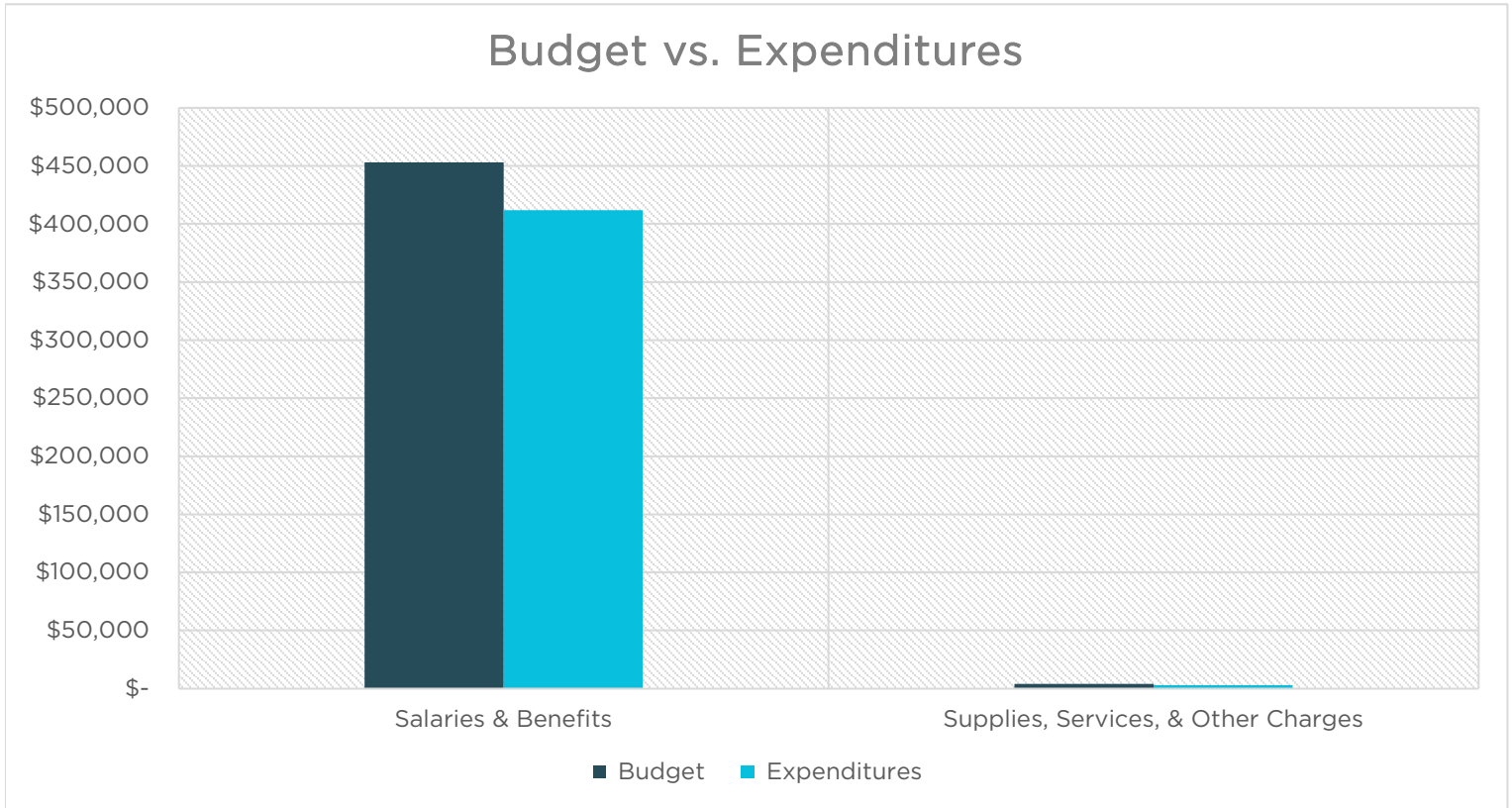


Description	Budget	Expenditures	% Used
Salaries & Benefits	\$ 865,197	\$ 791,389	91.5%
Supplies, Services, & Other Charges	\$ 329,295	\$ 242,450	73.6%
Total	\$ 1,194,492	\$ 1,033,839	86.6%

Two (2) detective positions are funded under the Metro Drug Task Force. The positions are part of a coordinated state-wide narcotics control program that is designed to combat violations of controlled substance laws within the jurisdiction. An Assistant Chief Deputy Prosecutor from the Prosecuting Attorneys Office is funded under the Metro Drug Task Force. A portion of the City of Kennewick Metro Task Force operational costs are funded through contract with Benton County.

BENTON-FRANKLIN COUNTIES SUPERIOR COURT

2021-2022 PUBLIC SAFETY SALES TAX



Description	Budget	Expenditures	% Used
Salaries & Benefits	\$ 453,069	\$ 411,842	90.9%
Supplies, Services, & Other Charges	\$ 3,922	\$ 2,935	74.8%
Total	\$ 456,991	\$ 414,777	90.8%

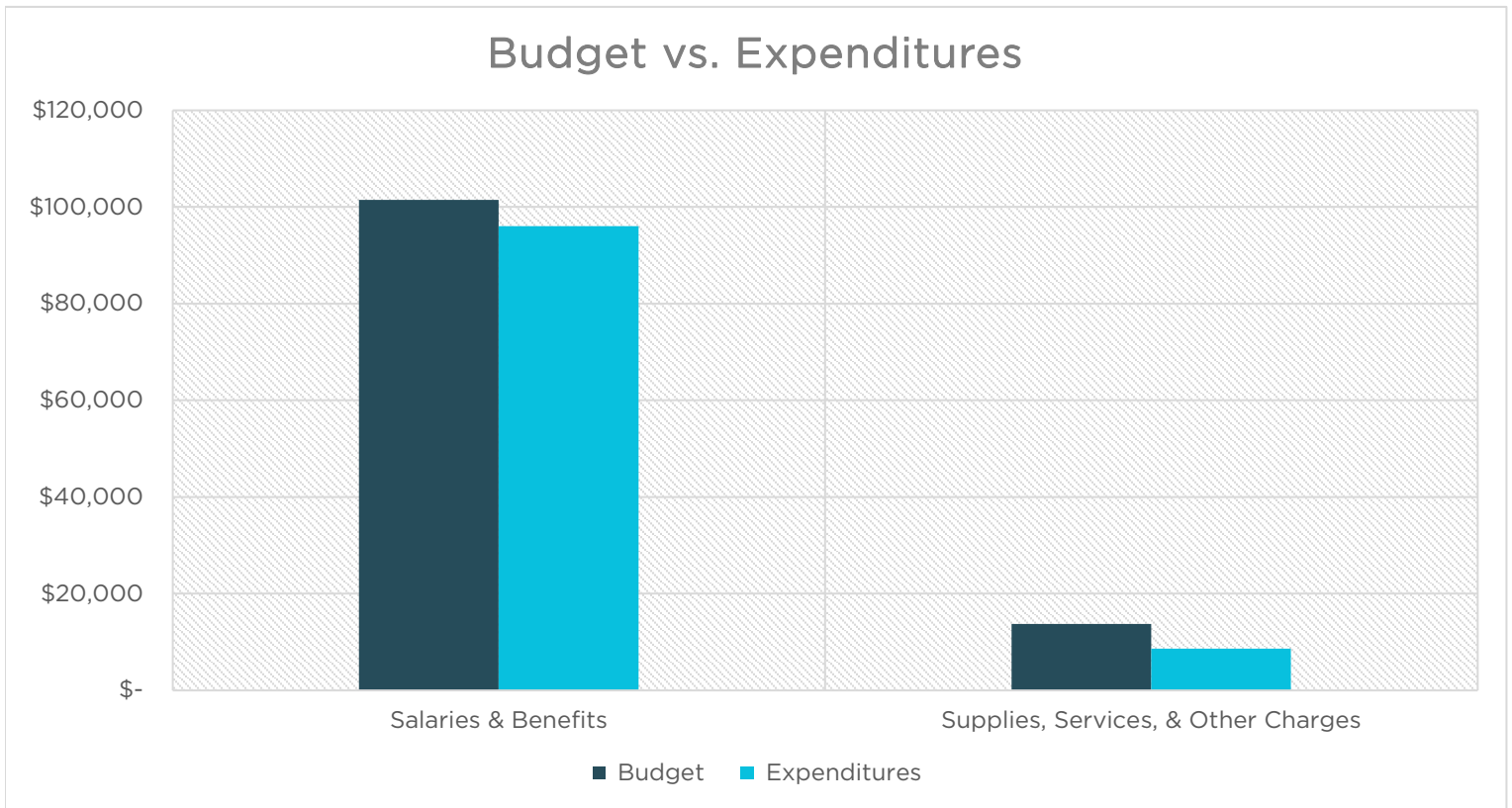
Benton & Franklin Counties share seven fulltime Superior Court judges and three Court Commissioners who hear all cases involving: adult felonies, juvenile matters, divorce, child custody and support matters, probate, guardianships, adoptions, civil disputes in excess of \$50,000, paternity actions, mental competency, and abused and/or neglected children. PST funds 1 FTE Judge and .50 FTE Court Commissioner.

The Court has a statutory obligation to monitor guardianship cases. The Guardianship Monitoring Program Case Manager completes standardized reviews of all guardianship cases to ensure compliance with state and local rules; Assists judicial officers in review of guardianship cases scheduled for hearing or reviewed through the Guardianship Monitoring Program, including review of proposed Orders; Implements program changes in conjunction with the supervising judicial officers and the Court Administrator.

It is the priority of the court to provide a safe environment in the courtroom for both court staff and the public. A Superior Court bailiff provides for the personal safety and security of judicial officers, court staff, jurors, litigants, witnesses, counsel, and the public. A Bailiff maintains internal and external security of Superior Court by conducting thorough inspections of the courtrooms, jury rooms, and chamber areas prior to daily court proceedings.

PUBLIC SAFETY ADMINISTRATION

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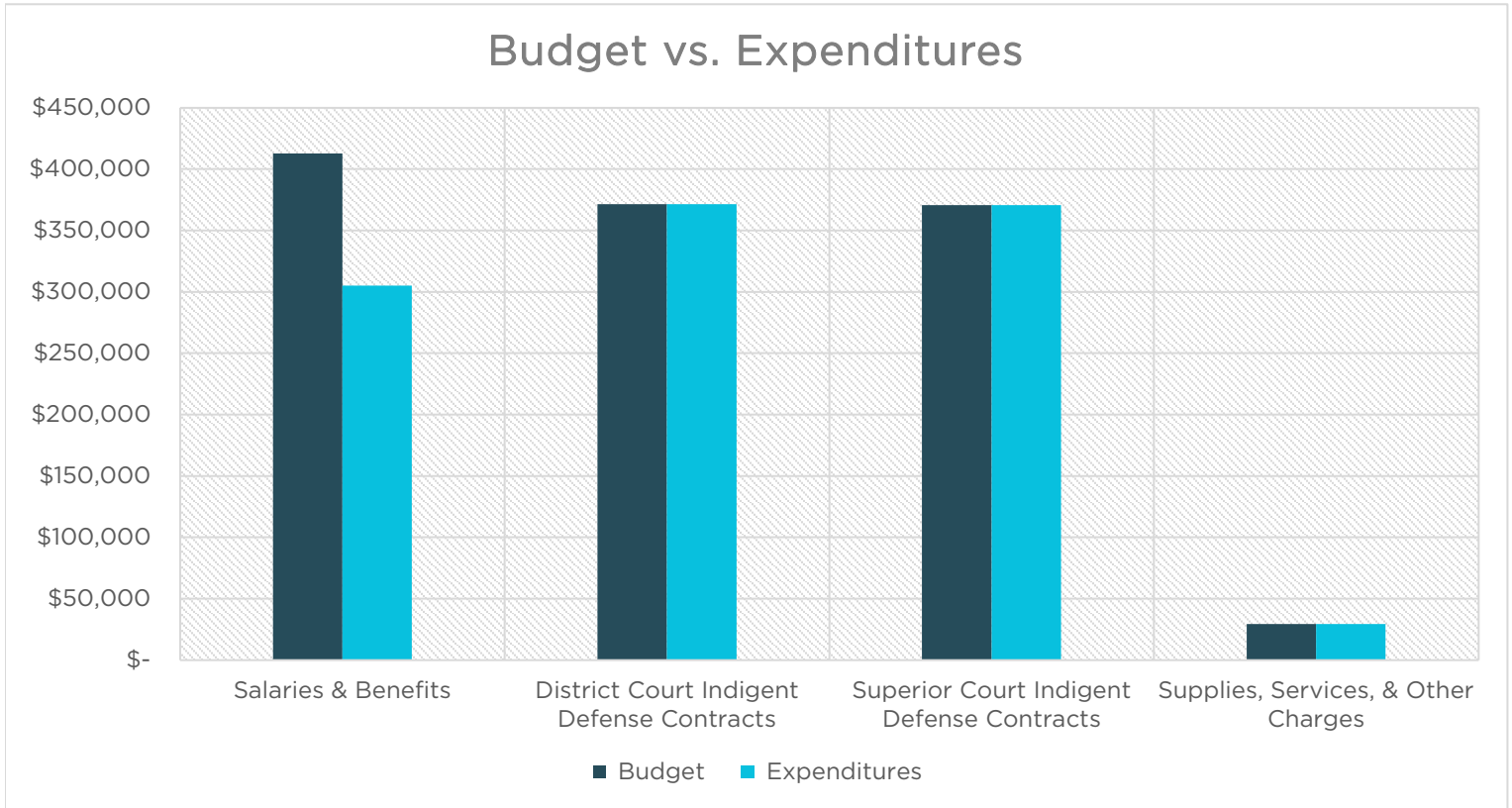


Description	Budget	Expenditures	% Used
Salaries & Benefits	\$ 101,455	\$ 96,051	94.7%
Supplies, Services, & Other Charges	\$ 13,743	\$ 8,627	62.8%
Total	\$ 115,198	\$ 104,678	90.9%

The Public Safety Administration budget and expenditures reflect two (2) years (2021-2022) of salary, benefits, and supplies for a portion of the cost of a full-time Communications Coordinator. This position manages and monitors all contracts with outside agencies funded through the Benton County Gang & Crime Prevention Initiative, as well as providing communications, public relations, and outreach support.

BENTON COUNTY OFFICE OF PUBLIC DEFENSE

2021-2022 PUBLIC SAFETY SALES TAX



Description	Budget	Expenditures	% Used
Salaries & Benefits	\$ 412,624	\$ 304,955	73.9%
District Court Indigent Defense Contracts	\$ 371,505	\$ 371,505	100.0%
Superior Court Indigent Defense Contracts	\$ 370,660	\$ 370,660	100.0%
Supplies, Services, & Other Charges	\$ 29,462	\$ 29,376	99.7%
Total	\$ 1,184,251	\$ 1,076,495	90.9%

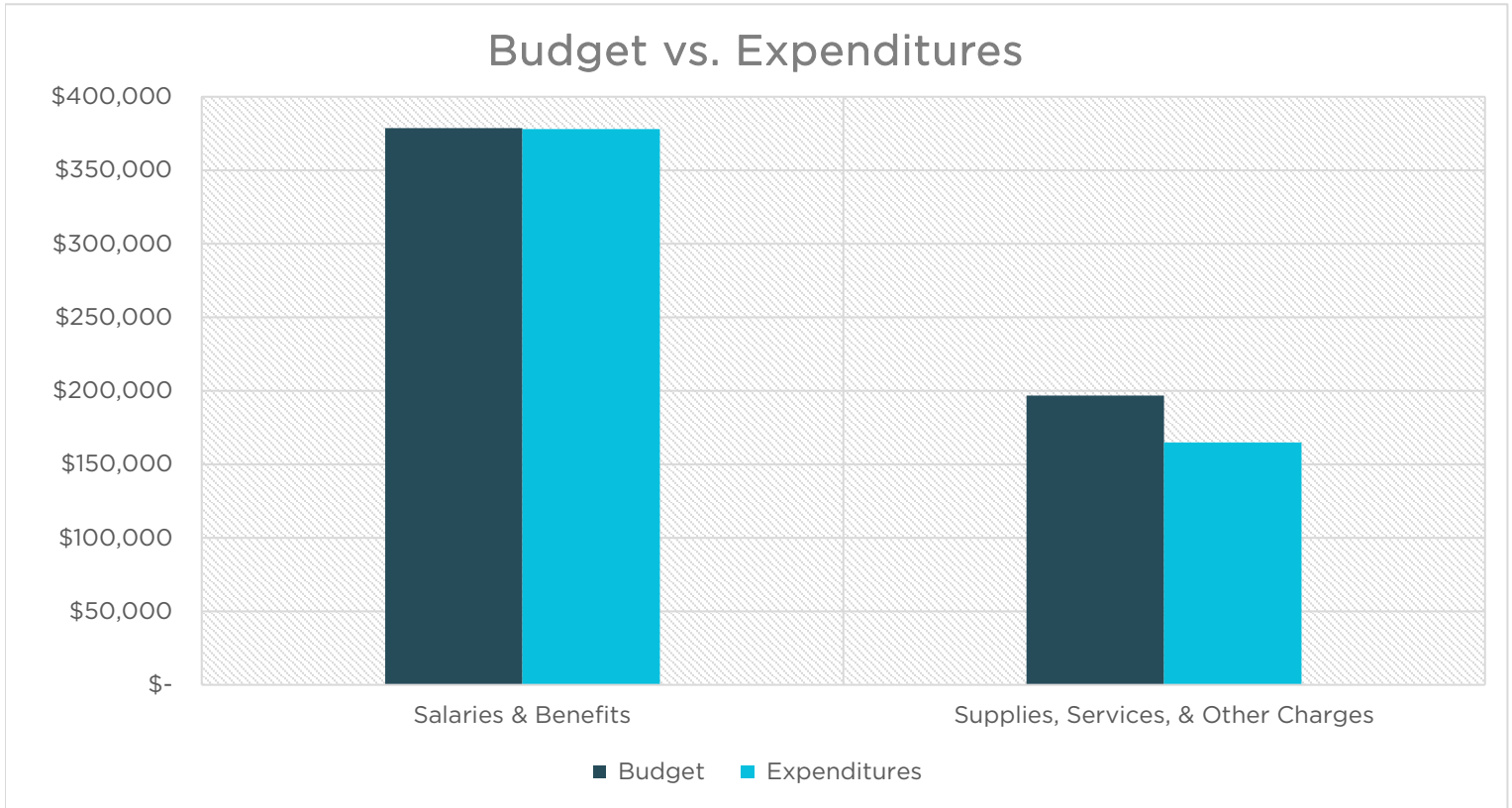
In 2021-2022, Public Safety Tax funds continued to provide the Office of Public Defense with important key resources to help it achieve its Constitutionally-mandated mission of providing quality public defense services.

Funds were used to provide supplemental funding for two mission-critical and legally mandated aspects of OPD operations in both District Court and Superior Court. In District Court, we used funds to build modest increases of about 2% per year to existing contracts to continue to make them competitive and attractive. Due to the COVID-19 backlog of cases, we also used funds to award an additional 0.5 FTE contract to supplement our in-custody arraignment defense resources and ensure that court operations continue to run smoothly and expeditiously.

In Superior Court, due to an increase in both the volume and complexity of crime, we used funds to supplement the currently available funds, and make the available funds for professional services more realistic and commensurate with the increases in caseloads and complexity.

ADULT DRUG COURT

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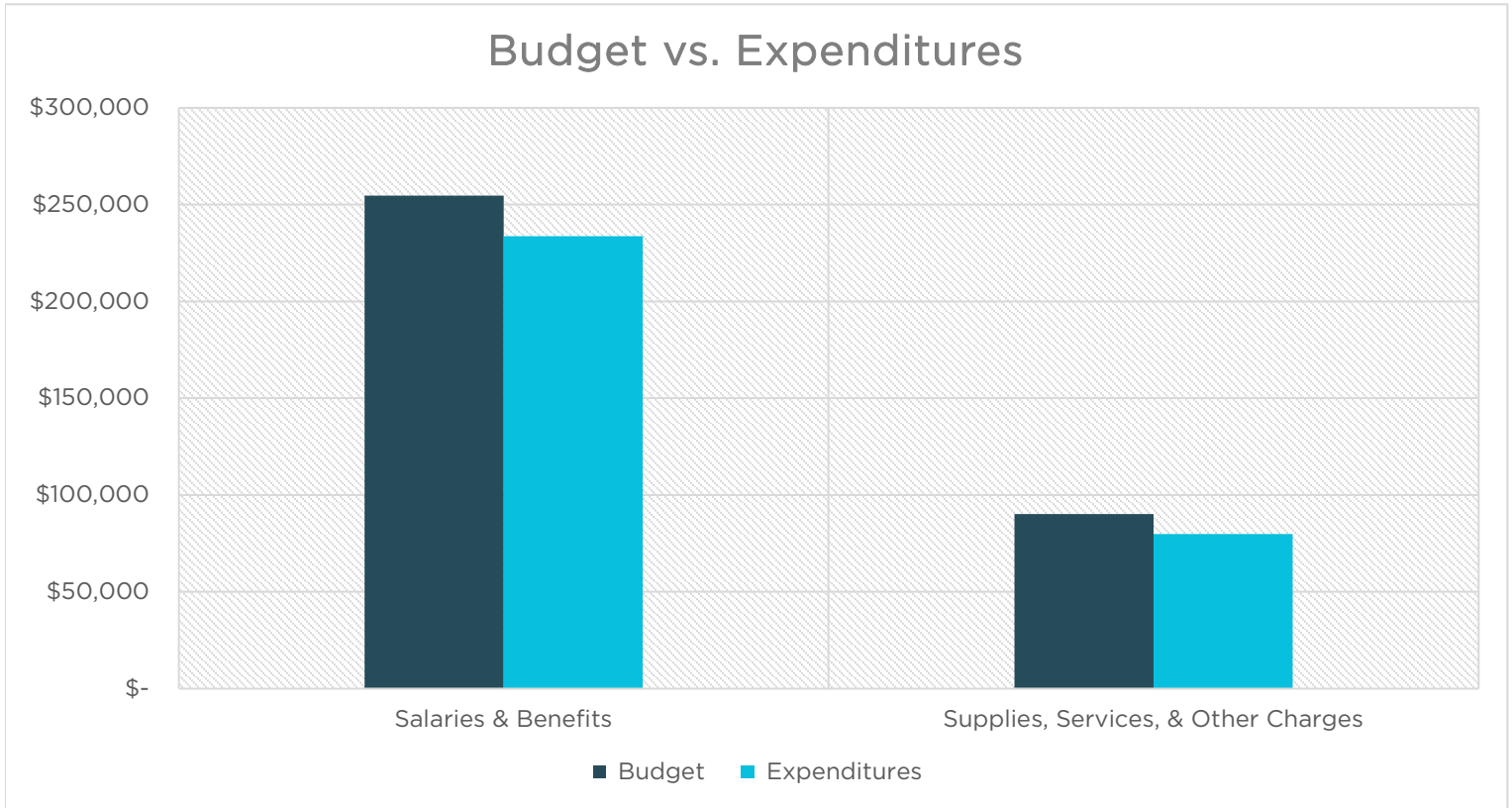


Description	Budget	Expenditures	% Used
Salaries & Benefits	\$ 378,756	\$ 377,923	99.8%
Supplies, Services, & Other Charges	\$ 196,763	\$ 164,803	83.8%
Total	\$ 575,519	\$ 542,726	94.3%

In 2019, the Adult Drug Court increased from a 45-person program to a 70-person Program and increased their one-half time Secretary to full-time. The Benton/Franklin Counties Adult Drug Court program is a voluntary, individualized, six-phase intervention program for adults who have been charged with one or more qualifying felony offenses and who have been unable to stay clean and sober. It is a collaborative effort of the Benton and Franklin Counties Superior Court, Benton and Franklin Counties Prosecuting Attorney's Offices, Benton and Franklin Counties Public Defender's Panels, Benton and Franklin Counties Human Services Department, Benton and Franklin Counties Sheriff's Departments, Washington State Department of Corrections, other police agencies and case management and treatment programs. The Adult Drug Court program seeks to provide a variety of programs and consistent supervision geared toward supporting and helping participants maintain a drug-free life.

JUVENILE DRUG COURT

2021-2022 PUBLIC SAFETY SALES TAX



Description	Budget	Expenditures	% Used
Salaries & Benefits	\$ 254,688	\$ 233,631	91.7%
Supplies, Services, & Other Charges	\$ 90,148	\$ 79,794	88.5%
Total	\$ 344,836	\$ 313,425	90.9%

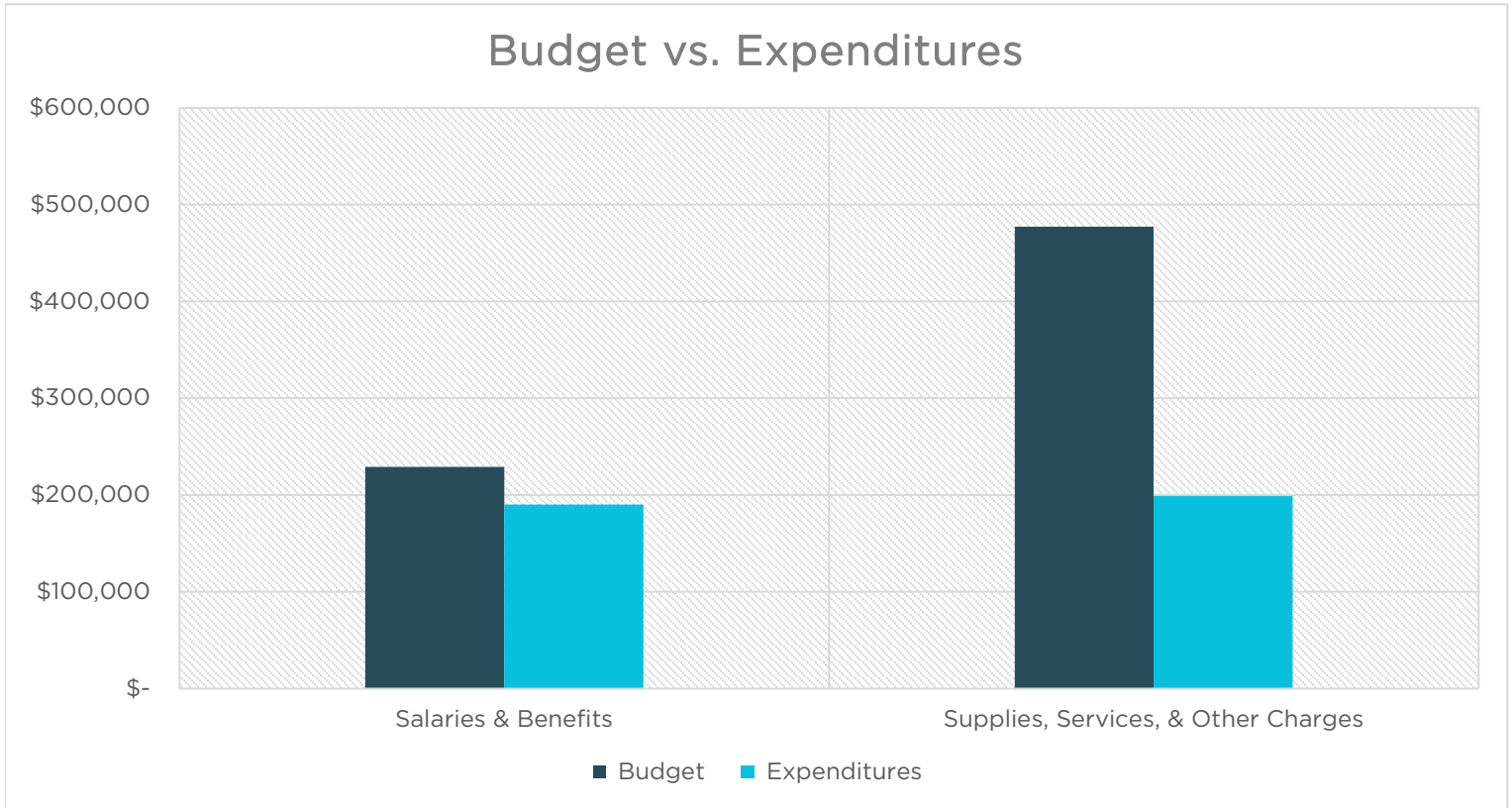
Juvenile Drug Court (JDC) is a program that targets youth charged with a non-violent criminal offense that have been diagnosed with a substance abuse, dependence or addiction problem. The program intervention involves intensive supervision, weekly monitoring at court appearances, participation in recovery services and involvement in strength-based services that increases a youth positive involvement in their community.

JDC is a pre-adjudication program that lasts approximately 10 to 18 months, to successfully complete the program a youth must complete their treatment requirements, maintain their sobriety, and be involved in an educational program or be employed. Upon successful completion, the prosecuting attorney will dismiss the underlying criminal charges.

The Juvenile Drug Court is a Bi-County program, but only Benton County costs are reflected under the Public Safety Sales Tax budget.

JUVENILE OPERATIONS

2021-2022 PUBLIC SAFETY SALES TAX



Description	Budget	Expenditures	% Used
Salaries & Benefits	\$ 229,060	\$ 190,024	83.0%
Supplies, Services, & Other Charges	\$ 476,988	\$ 198,764	41.7%
Total	\$ 706,048	\$ 388,788	55.1%

The Juvenile Operations Budget includes funds for the Selective Aggressive Probation (SAP) program, Functional Family Therapy (FFT), Education Employment Training (EET), and mental health services for youth served by the Benton-Franklin Counties Juvenile Justice Center.

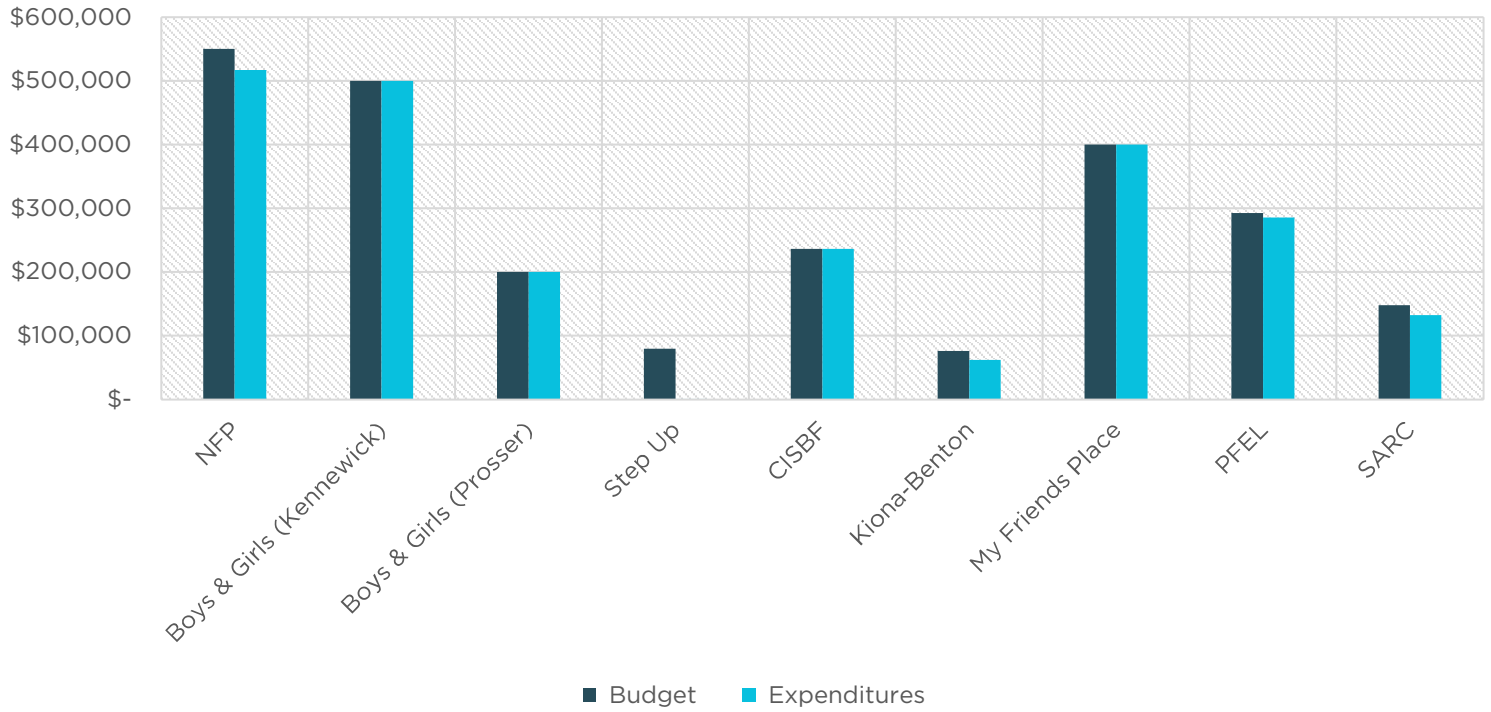
Selective Aggressive Probation (SAP) is a multi-agency, collaborative effort to impact the serious, violent, habitual juvenile offenders in Benton and Franklin Counties. The focus of SAP is to enhance community safety by working closely with law enforcement, county prosecutors, schools, and other community resources to increase the accountability of youth offenders while providing opportunities for treatment and rehabilitation.

Functional Family Therapy (FFT) is a short-term evidence-based family counseling program that has been proven through numerous research studies to have positive results with families involved in the juvenile justice system. FFT is a strength-based model that last approximately three to five months with 12 to 14 sessions during that time.

The Education Employment Training (EET) program provides youth with job readiness, development and placement services, and GED services to provide paid work experience and service-learning opportunities to youth. In addition, mental health and behavioral support services are provided, upon screening, for all youth in Juvenile Detention.

GANG & CRIME PREVENTION INITIATIVE

Budget vs. Expenditures



Program Name	Budget	Expenditures	% Used
BFHD Nurse Family Partnership	\$ 550,000	\$ 516,799	94.0%
Boys & Girls Club Kennewick	\$ 500,000	\$ 500,000	100.0%
Boys & Girls Club Prosser	\$ 200,000	\$ 200,000	100.0%
Chaplaincy Health Care Step Up Program*	\$ 79,340	\$ 609	0.8%
Communities in Schools of Benton Franklin	\$ 236,157	\$ 236,157	100.0%
Kiona-Benton Crime Prevention Program	\$ 76,000	\$ 62,012	81.6%
Safe Harbor My Friends Place Youth Shelter	\$ 400,000	\$ 399,999	100.0%
Partners for Early Learning	\$ 292,544	\$ 285,229	97.5%
Support, Advocacy, & Resource Center (SARC)	\$ 147,852	\$ 132,320	89.5%
Total Program Allocated Budgets	\$ 2,481,893	\$ 2,333,125	94.0%

The Gang & Crime Prevention Initiative was full-swing in 2021-2022. A total of nine (9) programs, operated by local organizations, were funded through the Gang & Crime Prevention Initiative, with a total cumulative budget of nearly \$2.5 million for the biennium (2021-2022). The mission of the Benton County Gang & Crime Prevention Initiative is to improve the quality of life for the residents of Benton County by reducing the incidence of gang-related and other crime in Benton County.

Details about the Public Safety Sales Tax and the Gang & Crime Prevention Initiative, including detailed summaries of the programs listed above, can be found on the Benton County website at www.co.benton.wa.us under "Featured Links" and "Public Safety Sales Tax."

*The Chaplaincy Health Care Step Up Program was terminated at the request of the contractor on May 31, 2021 due to closure of the program within their organization, hence the low expenditures.

NURSE FAMILY PARTNERSHIP

BENTON-FRANKLIN HEALTH DISTRICT
2021-2022 PUBLIC SAFETY SALES TAX

Nurse-Family Partnership® (NFP) is an evidence-based, community health program that serves first time mothers and their families living below the poverty line. By awakening the caretaker within each mother, the program improves healthy brain development and school readiness in children, prevents child abuse and neglect, strengthens and empowers families and breaks the cycle of poverty. First-time mothers are eligible for free help from a personal nurse if they are less than 29 weeks pregnant, meet income eligibility requirements, and live in an applicable service area. The expertise and experience that registered nurses bring to this program is key to gaining the trust and confidence of new mothers. NFP nurses help guide mothers and families through the emotional, social, and physical challenges and systemic barriers in healthcare as they prepare for a healthy birth. Prenatal support is the starting point, and the NFP nurse continues to work with the family after the baby is born. NFP nurses partner with families and communities to prevent illness and injury and to promote health and protection capacity through the sharing of knowledge and skills that lead to positive outcomes.

The Benton-Franklin Health District NFP program received a fidelity score of 83 out of a possible 100 in 2022; the highest in Washington State and higher than the national average. This means the program has been implemented so that comparable results to the original randomized, controlled trials are achieved. Nurses document and enter assessments from each visit into a secure web-based data collection system. The data is monitored to ensure that the program has fidelity to the 19 model elements. The NFP model elements are supported by evidence of effectiveness based on research, expert opinion, field lessons and/or theoretical rationales.

In early 2021, the nurses returned to full-time NFP work and in-person visits, however, they continued to use the virtual visit skills gained during the pandemic when in-person visits were not allowed. This allowed them to effectively meet the needs of their clients when in-person visits were not possible due to illness of either the client or other family, illness of the nurse, inclement weather, or the client traveling out of town for a brief period.

In 2021 and 2022, the Benton County NFP program served 86 families and 61 children, with 21 clients graduating from the program. Ninety-four percent of the children scored at age level or above, when assessed at 24 months of age. NFP nurses made 492 in-person visits and 318 telehealth visits during that time. Due to staffing recruitment issues, the NFP program had an open nursing position for much of 2022.

Regular assessments for each client included physical and mental health status, interpersonal violence, and growth and the development of the children. Mothers also received referrals to resources including Medicaid, Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program (SNAP), Women, Infants, and Children (WIC), mental health services, substance use treatment, primary care providers, childcare, job training, housing, adult and pediatric dental care, and Washington State paid family leave. The lack of affordable housing and childcare, timely immunizations for the children, and gaps in mental health services were the key issues our clients faced.

KENNEWICK CLUBHOUSE

BOYS & GIRLS CLUBS OF BENTON AND FRANKLIN COUNTIES
2021-2022 PUBLIC SAFETY SALES TAX

With the help of the Benton County Safety Sales Tax, the Boys & Girls Club Kennewick Clubhouse – Eerkes Family Branch was able to serve more youth with greater impact than ever before at the end of 2022.

We exceeded our membership goal for the Kennewick Clubhouse, serving more than 350 teens and more than 350 grade school youth at the end of 2022. The area in Kennewick where this Clubhouse is located has one of the highest crime and gang rates in our community. Because of this, we knew it was crucial to engage teens. We are proud to report this Clubhouse hosted more teens each week than any other Club location, averaging 46-50 teens attending per weekday by the end of 2022.

We also provided opportunities for Club members to volunteer in the community via Keystone Club and Mentor Club. Our teens clocked in over 400 volunteer hours. Plus, the Kennewick Clubhouse served as a community center, hosting food pantries and essential delivery services, critical academic services for school districts, and safe spaces for various other community needs. We know our work in this area is making a difference for hundreds of children and families. We have begun integrating into this community with great success, and Benton County's support of the Kennewick Clubhouse's operation will sustain this life-changing work.

The Kennewick Clubhouse is a 23,000 sq. ft. youth facility located at the corner of 7th and Jean St. near downtown Kennewick. Our Community Clubhouses intentionally operate in at-risk neighborhoods where there is a great need for positive afterschool programming. These Clubhouses are open to all youth ages 6-18 years. Membership rates are \$20 per year for grade school youth and free for teens, removing any financial barrier associated with accessing programs.

The neighborhood where the Kennewick Clubhouse is located is the most diverse in our community, with more than 75% of residents being youth of color and more than 200 different languages spoken. Of the 703 active youth members utilizing the Clubhouse, about 97% qualify for free or reduced lunch.

Over the past two years, the Kennewick Clubhouse has been able to offer a safe place with mentoring and academic support services. Both our Kennewick and Prosser Clubhouses were able to support members virtually and provide mental health support through mentoring and accountability check-ins. The Boys & Girls Club has been able to continue meeting the needs of our most vulnerable community members due to the support of the Benton County Public Safety Sales Tax.

PROSSER CLUBHOUSE

BOYS & GIRLS CLUBS OF BENTON AND FRANKLIN COUNTIES
2021-2022 PUBLIC SAFETY SALES TAX

The Prosser Teen Program has been able to greatly impact and benefit the community thanks to the funds awarded from the Public Safety Tax grant. Teens remain a significantly underserved market in our communities. We know their need for our services and for a safe and welcoming place to have fun and learn life skills is equal to—or perhaps even more critical than—that of younger children because of their proximity to adulthood and the risks and temptations they face.

The Prosser Boys & Girls Club is committed to serving children and teens in the community while maintaining attendance and impact. The Prosser Teen Program’s goal was to enroll at least 75 teens, and we are proud to report the program ended 2022 with more than 100 active teen members. The teen Club members joined together to help reinvent the Teen Center with their own personal touches, allowing them to leave their mark for future Club members to enjoy.

In 2021 and 2022, the Public Safety Sales Tax funding supported not only teen programs in Prosser, but programs for grade school-age youth as well. The Prosser Clubhouse was open 12 hours a day to assist youth in need of care, with staff working beside them as they engaged in virtual school programs. At the end of 2022, more than 180 active members were enrolled. The Prosser Clubhouse also served as a community outreach center, providing food, critical resources, and academic supplies to hundreds of families in need of assistance.

The Prosser Clubhouse, like all our Community Clubhouses, intentionally operates in a diverse community where there is a great need for positive afterschool programming. Our Clubhouses are open to all youth ages 6-18 years. Membership rates are \$20 per year for grade school youth and free for teens, removing any financial barrier associated with accessing programs. Funding and support from the Benton County Public Safety Sales Tax allowed us to fulfill this commitment and exceed our goals in attendance and community impact.

STEP UP PROGRAM

CHAPLAINCY HEALTH CARE
2021-2022 PUBLIC SAFETY SALES TAX

The 2021-2022 Step Up program, operated by Chaplaincy Health Care, is a program to serve adolescents ages 12 to 17 that are currently incarcerated or at risk of entering the criminal justice system.

Step Up operates in collaboration with the Benton Franklin Counties Juvenile Justice Center probation staff, judges, and prosecutors to serve as an alternative to charges, trials, and incarceration. The program provides specialized services, outreach and community education, and counseling to youth and their family members.

Each program is comprised of on-going, 11-week sessions (units) and each group serves 2-12 youth and their parents. Groups meet weekly and are offered in both English and Spanish. Each session is 2 hours long and follows a structured format: mindfulness meditation/self-awareness exercises, check in, lesson from the Step Up manual, behavioral goal for the week, and a closing exercise.

Step Up provides a full mental health assessment, covering a range of concerns including: anti-social and criminal behaviors resulting in police contact/arrest/incarceration, family disruption, school failure, peer relationships and friends, exposure to trauma, substance abuse, chronic mental health issues, history of psychological treatment, medications, primary care, and parent assessment for parenting skills and family stressors.

The Chaplaincy Step Up terminated the contract with Benton County on May 31, 2021 due to the closure of the program.

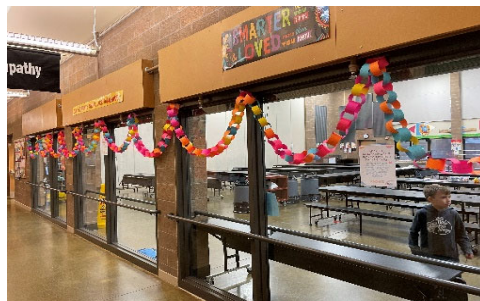
ALL IN FOR KIDS PROGRAM

COMMUNITIES IN SCHOOLS OF BENTON-FRANKLIN
2021-2022 PUBLIC SAFETY SALES TAX

Communities In Schools of Benton-Franklin (CISBF) has served K-12 students and families in the bi-county region since 2014. Student Support Coordinators work in schools, addressing barriers and connecting students to the critical resources they need to be successful in school, at home and in their communities. In the 2021-2022 school year, they case managed 1,440 students, 24,606 students received school-wide services and 12,676 parents were engaged in services. The percentage and risk factors of students served: 96% were economically disadvantaged, 100% were exposed to trauma, 31% were English Language Learners, 18% had special education, 9% were homeless and 4% had incarcerated parents. Of the high school students served, 95% stayed in school! While it's difficult to capture the full scope of service a Student Support Coordinator can provide, the outcomes listed above were achieved through the supports listed below

Case Management Support	Schoolwide Services	Basic Needs Assistance
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Individual Student Support Plan • Goal Setting • Academic Assistance • Social Emotional Support • College/Career Planning • Employment Assistance • Advocacy 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • School Support Plan • Whole School Attendance Initiatives • Small Group Supports • Safe, Inclusive Spaces for LGBTQ+ Youth • Community Resource Center • College and Career Fairs • FAFSA/Scholarship Support 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Food Support • Access to Physical/Mental Healthcare • Clothing Closet • School Supplies • Housing Assistance • Digital Equity Support • Migrant/Refugee Support

The investment provided demonstrates the value Benton County has on serving the whole child through the Communities In Schools evidence-based model of Integrated Student Supports as they continue to re-engage students who have experienced both learning loss and decreased social emotional wellness while supporting their families through the compounding trauma the pandemic



CIS Student Support Coordinator assisted with the planning and implementation of the Bright Future Fair at Amistad Elementary. They had career-driven individuals, agencies and colleges present to speak with students and families. There were over 380 people present! Students were excited about the raffle prizes and pizza, as well as, learning about some of the options available to them in the future.

CIS Student Support Coordinator, school Social Worker, and Counselors teamed up this year to collaborate against bullying! To tie everything together they asked students to draw their hands and draw or write to show how they demonstrate kindness at Lewis and Clark Elementary. The CIS Student Support Coordinator and Social Worker worked together to display student's hands in the main school hallway.

Nine students hosted a food drive for their QUEST service project. Students provided a box to each class, pitched project to every class, counted every food item daily, & posted videos on Class Dojo for updates. There was a winner for each grade level and their prize was an extra recess! There was a grand total of 1,361 food items! They were able to make 25 winter boxes for families at Lewis and Clark for winter break and also food for families in need!

KIONA-BENTON CRIME PREVENTION PROGRAM

KIONA-BENTON CITY SCHOOL DISTRICT
2021-2022 PUBLIC SAFETY SALES TAX

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

2022 has continued the extraordinary progress made by the Kiona-Benton Crime Prevention Program as we have continued to seek to reduce and eventually eliminate gang and other criminal activity for young people in the Benton City area of Benton County. We continue to create an inclusive school where students want to come to learn, socialize and become a part of the school & community. Our program provides them with a sense of belonging where they know they can get the help they need no matter what that help may be.

This program continues to be a model for our Middle and Elementary Schools which continue to make a difference in the lives of students and families. The impact of these programs are far reaching for students, parents and the community in general. In addition, the efforts of this grant have been magnified by other community efforts in reaching out to the youth of Benton City such as ESD 123's Open Doors program, Heather's Pantry, after school Tutoring and the after-school program 21st Century.

STAFFING

Mr. Tovar has been overseeing our program now for four years and provides students with the extra boost & contact they need to stay connected to school. He continues his efforts with Boys Circle and Girls Circle so students understand they are not alone in their struggles. He talks to students about their grades, helps them set goals for themselves, gets them to go to after school tutoring and makes sure to contact their families to let them know how their student is doing. We appreciate the great job he does every year with our families as well by providing parents with the opportunity to participate in a program called "Strong Families". He is an asset to our district and we appreciate what he does to help our students & families.

STUDENT SUPPORT

The Kiona-Benton Crime Prevention Program has intervened in the lives of hundreds of high school students through mentoring and linking appropriate community services and has re-enrolled over a dozen or more students who had previously dropped out and placed them in the ESD123's Open Doors GED program. In addition, the program has sponsored a Families Parenting Class to assist parents of students who are struggling. Several different students who have been identified as homeless have been given food items for weekends, transportation, clothing, and other necessary support to stay in school through Heather's Pantry, McKinney Vento grant funds and the Kiona-Benton City Title I Part A federal program. We continue our coordination with the Coalition for a Better Benton City to provide Girl's Circle - a gender specific program for adolescent girls to promote resiliency and self-esteem. Mr. Tovar has been working closely with our WSU GEAR-UP coordinator with activities to highlight college and career opportunities all students are able to access in their life after high school. Mr. Tovar also does Boy's Circle to help support students with real life issues and provide a platform to talk about what they are going through, giving them a safe place to share what is going on in their lives.

SPIN-OFF PROGRAMS

The success of this program continues to provide our other buildings with the opportunity to also do similar interventions as mentioned earlier. These programs help students who may otherwise have been suspended by giving them a space to continue to learn during the school day, while also giving them the behavioral and emotional supports they need.

MY FRIENDS PLACE

SAFE HARBOR SUPPORT CENTER
2021-2022 PUBLIC SAFETY SALES TAX

My Friends Place provided long-term shelter to homeless teens, provided short-stay services for teens involved in family conflict, and operated as a 24-hour drop-in center for teens in our community. Our drop-in center was utilized daily, with food, showers, and toiletries being our most requested service.

My Friends Place continues to make education and employment a high priority and we saw 91% of our teens enrolled in and attending school, with several graduating or earning a GED. Due to our comprehensive case management services, we were able to reunify 70% of our teens back into their family homes and saw 20% of our teens turn 18 and become stable housed.

Our comprehensive case management consists of one full-time Case Manager who provides services to all teens in need. These services include acquiring employment, housing, accessing needed services, life skill development, medical and dental care, and referrals and transportation to mental health care.

Our team includes one full-time Case Manager and two full-time Peer Mentors. The addition of the peer mentors has added another layer of safety to our teens, as they work closely with each youth, provide mentorship, and assist with strengthening needed life skills.

We always strive to strengthen our bond with the community as we provide outreach services for teens in need, and we continue to foster strong relationships with others. Our partnerships have grown, and we are proud to offer year-round internships to college and university students. These students attend an array of schools including UW, WSU, EWU, Brandman, Heritage, and CBC. We also provide presentations to spread the word about the shelter and the benefits we offer the community.

BUILDING RESILIENCE THROUGH FAMILY SUPPORT

PARTNERS FOR EARLY LEARNING

2021-2022 PUBLIC SAFETY SALES TAX

Building Resilience Through Family Support is an successful approach that builds on the understanding that parents are their children’s most powerful teachers. In the first five years of life, when brain growth is more profound than at any other time of life, it is imperative that young children learn skills that will promote resilience to counteract the adverse childhood experiences that are often part of their daily lives. Resilient children are more likely to participate in positive school and community activities and avoid gang involvement and criminal activities. However, when parents themselves are struggling with their own abilities to navigate difficult experiences, they have little reserves left to demonstrate the ability to “bounce back” to their children. This is where one-to-one family intervention is key. Benton County’s Public Safety Sales Tax has funded a third Biennium of Building Resilience through Family Support.

Building Resilience through Family Support is a direct service program to Economically and Emotionally challenged families with children birth to K in Benton County. Families received a weekly visit tailored to their needs from a trained Family Support Coach. During the 2021-2022 Biennium 2708 family home visits took place with enrollees. This averaged 69 family members impacted per week. Families were recommended by school, community agencies and self-referral upon hearing about the program from other participants. Funds were mainly spent on hiring staff, training them, materials for parent training, games, toys, books, and early education hands-on materials. The overhead expenses that were billed to Benton County were rent of office space, electricity and water, internet, and liability insurance because Covid 19 drastically impacted the ability of PFEL raise extra funds.

BRTFS Family Support Coaches and the Coordinator are still working via a virtual model for health and family convenience. During coaching sessions, we have found that parents need support in parenting, self-care, and emotional stability and skills for creating an emotionally healthy environment for themselves and their children. Encouraging and expanding on play as a tool for learning academically, effective communication and promoting healthy social emotional learning have become central to our mission. Parents are still impacted in wrangling and organizing in positive ways their whole family and often dealing with traumas in their and their children’s lives. Our support helps them navigate discipline, family dynamics and learning support for all their children. BRTFS has referred and facilitated support for more than 10 families through The Child Development Center, enabling them to get critical help for children who have developmental needs. These are issues that without our intervention and assistance would have fallen through the cracks until they reached Kindergarten.

Each week the staff plans lessons aimed at the developmental and Social-Emotional needs of each family in the program. A bag of learning and parenting materials, designed for each family and their needs, are delivered with to the families. A virtual home visit then happens each week, focusing on the areas of focus and need. The response of parents and their families is amazing. They find a friendly ear to listen and welcome support for their whole families. The BRTFS home visitors and coordinator are available for assistance calls throughout the week. They have become trusted support for the families. BRTFS has become a safe harbor, calming cove, and challenging partner in their parenting journey. BRTFS is prepared to support early learning families in Benton County, providing parent and child strengthening, satisfaction and success.

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The families have made clear their increased levels of competence and confidence in parenting. They report spending more intentional time playing and interacting with their children. Not only have they increased quantity of positive interactions with their children, the quality has improved also. The enrollment continues to grow, as the clients have recommended BRTFS to their friends and family members. Partners for Early Learning is honored to be able to provide this support for Benton County families, looking forward to BRTFS's continued success

ADVOCACY FOR SURVIVORS OF SEX TRAFFICKING

SUPPORT, ADVOCACY, AND RESOURCE CENTER (SARC)

2021-2022 PUBLIC SAFETY SALES TAX

The Support, Advocacy & Resource Center's (SARC) mission is to provide crisis services, support, and advocacy to victims, non-offending family members, and others who are impacted by crime. We strive to create and maintain a community without violence through prevention-based education. SARC is an accredited Community Sexual Assault Program, an accredited Children's Advocacy Center, and has a Crime Victim Service Center grant through the Office of Crime Victim's Advocacy. The 2021-2022 Public Safety Tax continues to benefit the youth and families of Benton and Franklin Counties by allowing SARC to serve through the Human Trafficking program. Through this program SARC continues to staff a full time Engagement Specials Position that is housed halftime at the Benton Franklin County Juvenile Justice Center (JJC) and halftime at SARC. The goal is to screen every youth that enters into JJC, and some youth are screened more than once if there has been a larger gap in time spent out of custody. During the screening, a specialized tool is utilized that assesses the youth for risk factors indicating sex trafficking. While some of the youth disclose during the initial screening process, others are not comfortable enough to do so. There is a significant impact on the rapport building process in correlation to the amount of follow up time spent with the youth after the initial screening. The Engagement Specialist spends time with the youth to build trust and develop relationships, which can be a slow and difficult process. As a result of these relationships, youth are more comfortable disclosing their victimization. This also creates a pathway, allowing the Engagement Specialist to assist in making police and/or CPS reports, and provide services to support the youth and family while they are housed at JJC, as well as upon their release. Interrupting the victimization of youth and connecting them to resources reduces long-term impacts such as: truancy, mental health disorders, violence, running away, substance use/abuse, and criminal activity. Working with victims and their families at JJC provides us with an opportunity to truly meet victims where they are at, assist them with their healing process, and connect them with services that could potentially help prevent them from making life choices that could lead them down a destructive path. During the 2021-2022 Biennial Reporting period, screenings were provided to 210 youth housed in the Benton County Juvenile Justice Center totaling 94.75 hours of screening time, averaging approximately 30 minutes of rapport building with each youth per screening. At the time of screening, 13 youth disclosed Commercial Sexual Exploitation of a Child (CSEC), 40 youth were suspected of CSEC, 44 youth were suspected of some other type of abuse but did not disclose, and the remaining 113 youth were not suspected of CSEC or any other type of abuse. During her time at JJC, the Engagement Specialist met with the youth in detention individually, in groups, as well as joining in on planned activities to build rapport and foster positive relationships with these individuals. Advocacy services were provided to 386 youth in detention, for a total of 850.5 hours of total follow up and engagement time. This time with the youth is spent providing advocacy and crisis intervention services in the form of providing support, emotional stabilization, coping skills, aiding in communication with other community partners, and engagement in psychoeducational group sessions with other youth in custody. The psychoeducational group sessions provide a structured environment where the youth have an opportunity to openly engage with their peers while learning about important topics such as relationships, boundaries, consent, goal setting, and positive coping mechanisms. If a youth is at a leadership level within the detention facility and desires to help lead the program, they are welcomed to facilitate along with the Engagement Specialist. This provides the youth with leadership experience and has many other positive affirmations that go along with it.

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The Engagement Specialist is also able to provide both legal and medical advocacy to the youth in custody. Medical advocacy can be provided in the form of advocating for the youth to gain access to a necessary medical or SANE exam, a pregnancy test that is administered by the Jail Nurse, or getting them connected with a mental health professional that is housed within the facility or arranging for the youth to meet with one upon their release. Legal advocacy is also provided within the detention facility to the youth. This is done by attending court with the youth, communicating, and collaborating with their probation officer and/or attorney to advocate for the youth and plan for a positive future, making mandated reports to CPS and Law Enforcements and being present with the youth during interviews that are done within the walls of detention.

These same services are provided to youth outside of detention who wish to identify as victims of a crime and who choose to access SARC services. During the 2021-2022 Biennial Reporting period, 518 hours were spent providing follow up and engagement services to youth who identified as victims of crime through the screening process or engagement and rapport building sessions at JJC. Following rapport building and engagement sessions 24 youth made disclosures of CSEC and 23 youth made disclosures of other forms of abuse. Through these disclosures the Engagement Specialist was able to collect enough information to make 21 new mandated reports to either law enforcement or DCYF. It's important to keep in mind, that when abuse is disclosed, the abuse may have already been reported to law enforcement or CPS, so it would not be necessary to make the report again, which would reflect a difference in mandated reports being made vs. disclosures occurring.

During this reporting period, the Engagement Specialist has received 35 referrals from the courts, probation, or the At-Risk Youth docket and of those youth, 22 have been identified as "high risk to have been sex trafficked". These referrals are important, because we frequently see the same youth being referred to our agency from various community partners. This is a good indicator that there may be a pressing issue in this youth's life and working as a team or coordinating an MDT can help prevent additional trauma for this child and family. Over the Biennial 2021-2022 Reporting period the Engagement Specialist has worked with 80 new youth who have been identified as "high risk to have been sex trafficked" at JJC and will continue to work with them if they wish to receive services from our agency.

In addition to advocacy services, the Engagement Specialist position took part in 732 outreach and awareness activities, totaling 426 hours and reaching 6,450 participants. Outreach and awareness activities include presentations, community panels and booths, multi-disciplinary team coordination, and direct service work with community members or potential victims of crime. The goal is to bring awareness to the community we serve, and to provide them with resources and useful information about how they can help if they come across a potential victim of sex trafficking.