

Executive Summary

The Community Safety Initiative (CSI) was designed to be a systems-wide approach that serves the community in an equitable and inclusive manner. Building trust, increasing safety, focusing on prevention and strengthening partnerships were the desired outcomes approved by the Eugene City Council.

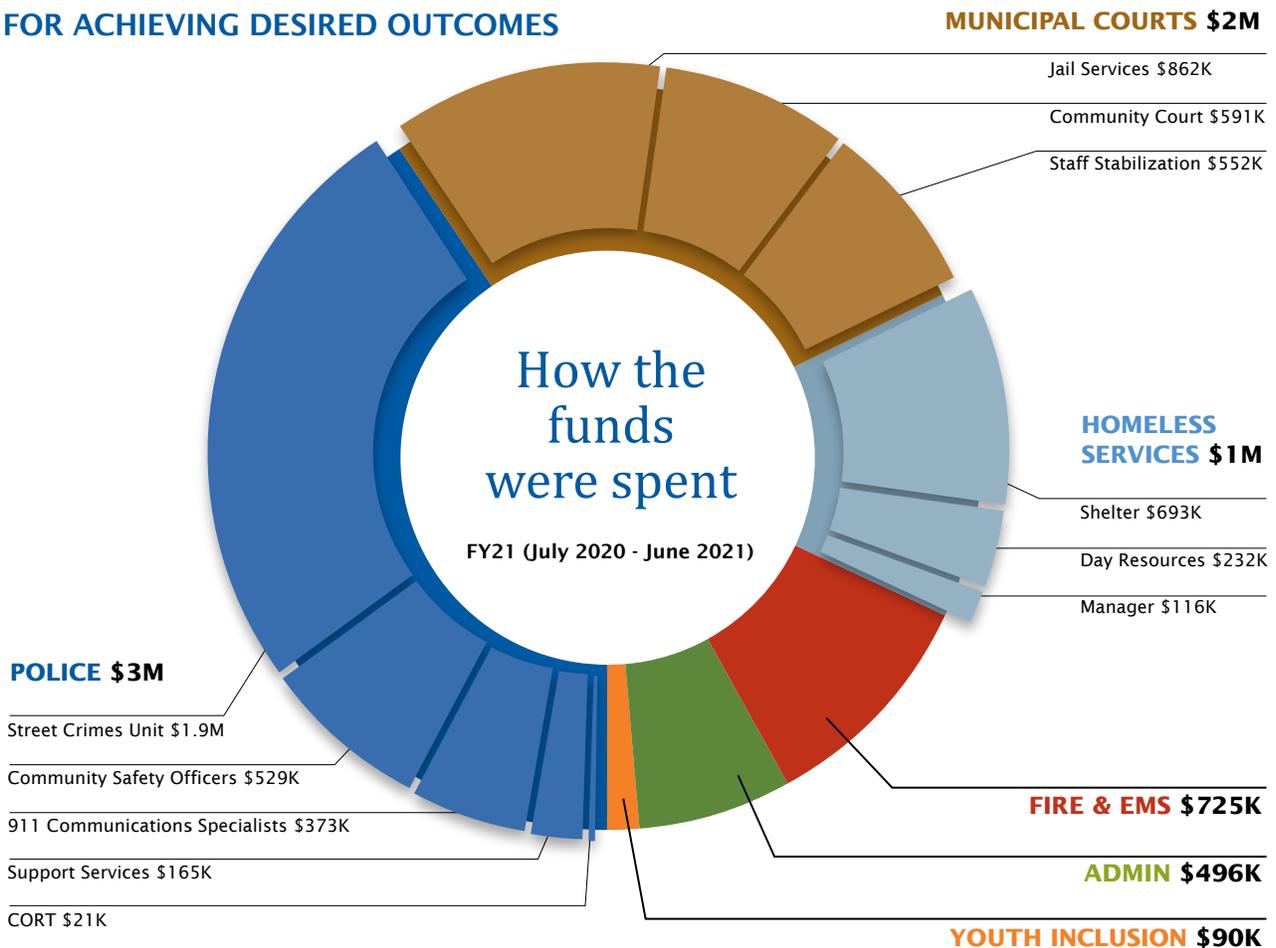
As a community-led oversight body, the Community Safety Initiative Advisory Board (CAB) prepares an annual report that documents the City's use of CSI tax revenue and determines if the revenue was spent in compliance with the ordinance (section 3.750 to 3.768).

The CSI Fund started fiscal year 2021 (FY21) with \$929,453 in beginning working capital. The FY21 amended budget included a \$2 million General Fund Transfer, a \$4.7 million loan from the Fleet Fund and an anticipated \$4.7 million in payroll tax revenue collected. Actual FY21 payroll tax revenue collected was higher than reflected in the amended FY21 budget in May 2020. The first two quarters of 2021 resulted in \$7.9

million of actual payroll tax revenue. As a result of this, and underspending within departments, FY21 ending working capital was large enough for the Community Safety Fund to forego the \$2.0 million General Fund transfer, and instead take a \$2.0 million loan from the Fleet Replacement Fund versus the \$4.7 million budgeted amount. This strategy reduced financial pressure on the General Fund and the smaller loan amount from the Fleet Fund, which must be repaid in FY22, increases future budget flexibility. FY21 ending working capital for the Community Safety Fund was \$3,473,423.

As a result of this financial stewardship, the Community Safety Fund ended FY21 in strong financial position. The Community Safety Initiative program continues to strive for transparency and accountability through the CAB process. We are confident that this funding will be used strategically and will continue to be utilized in compliance with the uses directed in the ordinance.

INVESTING \$7.3 MILLION TO LAY THE FOUNDATION FOR ACHIEVING DESIRED OUTCOMES



KEEPING THE COMMUNITY SAFE

A key component of the Community Safety Initiative was using a collaborative approach to connect people to social services and medical care. While that would help reduce demands on the Community Safety System — even more importantly — it would help people turn their lives around.

The focus was on keeping the community safe by responding when people need help, resolving issues and focusing on prevention.

HIGHLIGHTS OF ACHIEVEMENTS FROM JULY 2020 TO JUNE 2021



Added services for individuals experiencing homelessness

- Expanded the Rest Stop Program significantly with 5 new rest stops and added 85 new non-congregate sheltering units in new rest stop communities
- Served more than 119 people in the Overnight Parking Program at more than 35 dispersed addresses. 9% of those who exited did so to housing or improved sheltering locations
- Served 631 unduplicated individuals at Dawn to Dawn (D2D) and provided accommodations for up to 105 people nightly. 39 people exited the program to permanent housing
- Expanded D2D services to allow people to stay on site during the day and grew to include 19 Pallet Shelters on-site
- Worked closely with Lane County's Human Services Division to secure a \$3.5 Million dollar grant to develop a community-wide plan to end youth homelessness in Lane County. This was a result of work by the Youth Action Council
- Responded to 319 alerts about unmet community needs received by the Rapid Alert Network.



Improved response

- Maintained full operation of Central Lane Communications Center (CLCC) during the pandemic with greatly reduced need for mandatory overtime because of CSI funded Communication Specialists
- Hired 2 acting in capacity (AIC) Community Service Officer (CSO) Supervisors to develop infrastructure and prepare for additional hiring and growth in this strategy
- Used 5 new CSI funded CSOs to respond during marches and organized protests and to help with safe passage of protestors in our community
- Responded to more than 3,000 calls in FY21 with CSI CSOs. Those calls would have gone unanswered or would have needed to be dispatched to a Police Officer
- Issued 348 charges because of work by the Street Crimes Unit (SCU). The charges ranged from 20 crime categories including warrants (194), drug law (133), and weapons (31)
- Took 58 firearms off the streets. The SCU unit also recovered approximately 30 stolen vehicles
- Collaborated with SCU and Eugene Police Department Special Investigations Unit to disrupt the supply of fentanyl pills coming into Eugene
- Deployed SCU's Drug Detection K9 Jack to seize 2.84 pounds of suspected fentanyl and 6.52 pounds of heroin
- Participated as vaccinator strike teams using Eugene Springfield Fire personnel and assisted with vaccine mixing and medical monitoring at many of the mass vax clinics in the county

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Strengthened court, diversion programs and jail services

- Hired four Court Operation Specialist A stabilizing services after losing other COSA staff.
- Increased trial capacity and court appearance capacity during Covid-19 and staffing shortages
- Spent more time with each case, increased victim contacts and involvement, and provided more just and equitable case outcomes



Implemented Payroll Tax

- Opened the MUNIREvs portal for tax collection and administration services.
- Processed tax returns for the first two quarters of 2021 using temporary staff during peak filing periods for returns mailed directly to the City
- Continued providing taxpayer support through mailings to the business/tax preparer communities, information on the City' website and answering individual taxpayer/tax preparer questions and concerns
- Expanded the payroll tax team to include a Tax Analyst to provide taxpayer support and assist with program implementation as well as a half-time Senior Financial Analyst to provide tax revenue analysis and financial management support to the program.

BUILDING ON THE FOUNDATION FOR FUTURE SUCCESS

Despite the pandemic and staffing shortages, progress continues to be made to improve the community safety system and make it more responsive to the community. Only some of the accomplishments have been noted here, more are listed in the full report. In FY21, the City

undertook a significant engagement process on how City services could best respond to diverse communities. The feedback provided by the community helped shape the direction of the community safety plan, including providing more resources to alternative responses.

