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2017 - 2018

PUBLIC SAFETY SALES TAX

BIENNIAL REPORT

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BENTON COUNTY PUBLIC SAFETY SALES TAX

2017-2018 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.

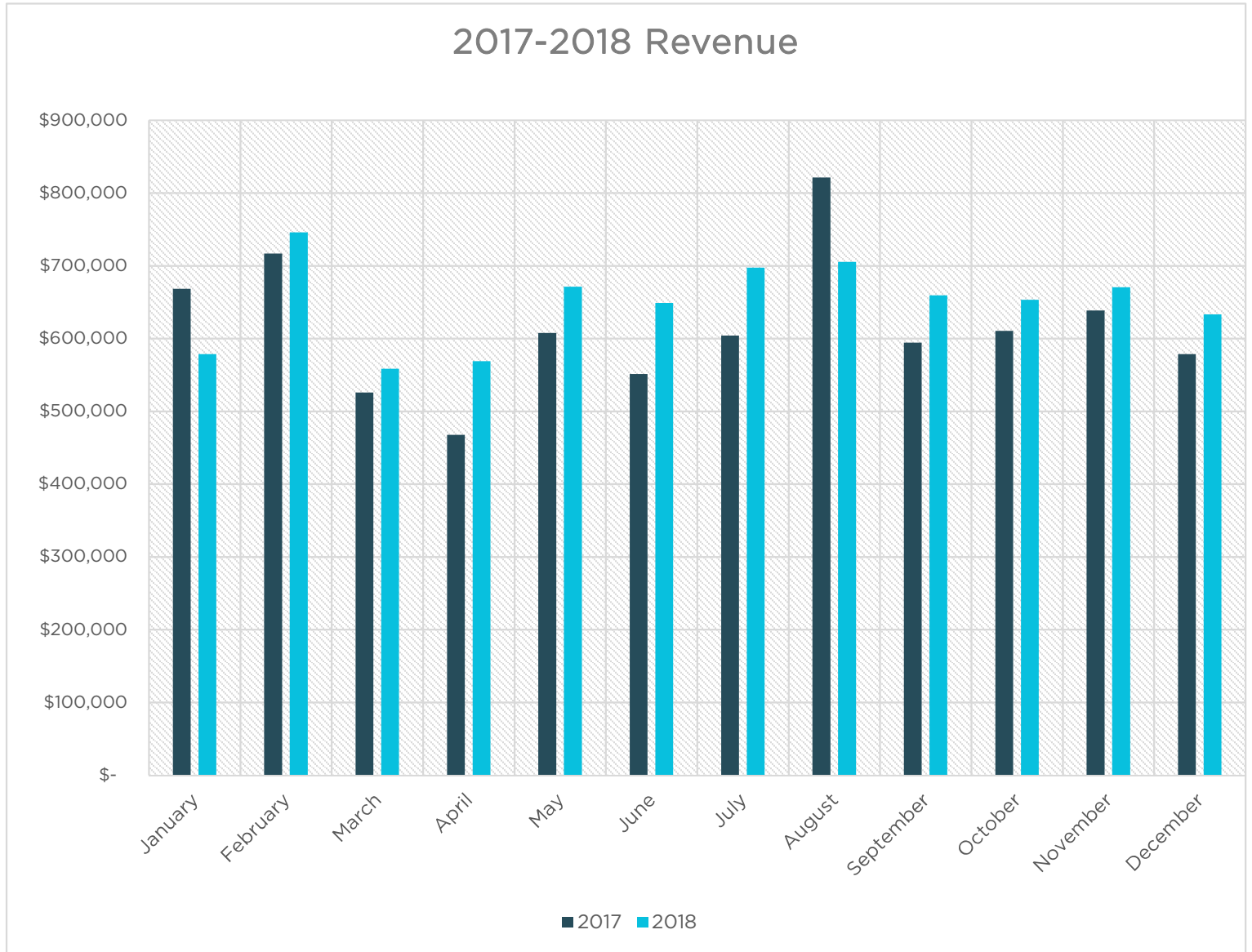
In August 2014, the voters of Benton County approved Proposition 14-5, a 0.3% sales and use tax pursuant to RCW 82.14.450 to fund criminal justice and public safety programs in Benton County. This Public Safety Sales Tax requires at least one-third of all revenues from the tax to be used for specific 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, corrections 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.

MONTHLY REVENUE

2017-2018 PUBLIC SAFETY SALES TAX

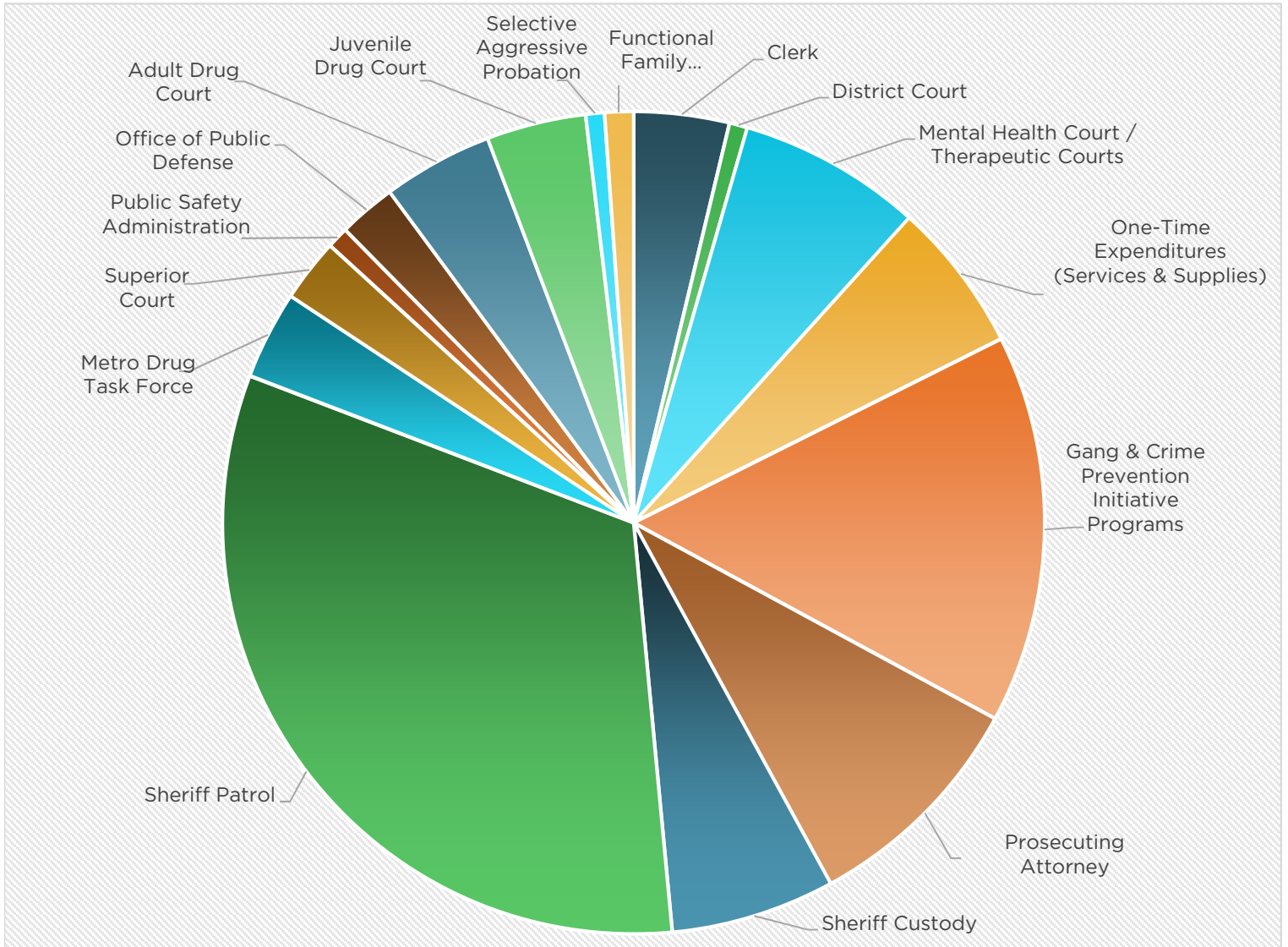


Month	2017	2018
January	\$ 668,402	\$ 578,382
February	\$ 716,612	\$ 745,783
March	\$ 525,754	\$ 558,273
April	\$ 467,619	\$ 569,009
May	\$ 607,695	\$ 671,069
June	\$ 551,075	\$ 648,943
July	\$ 604,196	\$ 697,511
August	\$ 821,354	\$ 705,142
September	\$ 594,313	\$ 659,314
October	\$ 610,419	\$ 653,257
November	\$ 638,618	\$ 670,462
December	\$ 578,382	\$ 633,170
	\$ 7,384,439	\$ 7,790,317
TOTAL 2017-2018 PUBLIC SAFETY TAX REVENUE	\$	15,174,755

**Note: Revenues listed above do not include collected interest*

BUDGET ALLOTMENT BY DEPARTMENT

2017-2018 PUBLIC SAFETY SALES TAX



Department	Budget	Percentage
Clerk	\$ 414,297	3.75%
District Court	\$ 78,398	0.71%
Mental Health Court / Therapeutic Courts	\$ 797,746	7.23%
One-Time Expenditures (Services & Supplies)	\$ 653,432	5.92%
Gang & Crime Prevention Initiative Programs	\$ 1,686,261	15.28%
Prosecuting Attorney	\$ 1,008,051	9.14%
Sheriff Custody	\$ 712,703	6.46%
Sheriff Patrol	\$ 3,566,517	32.32%
Metro Drug Task Force	\$ 383,273	3.47%
Superior Court	\$ 274,525	2.49%
Public Safety Administration	\$ 92,672	0.84%
Office of Public Defense	\$ 249,676	2.26%
Adult Drug Court	\$ 478,246	4.33%
Juvenile Drug Court	\$ 431,948	3.91%
Selective Aggressive Probation	\$ 81,505	0.74%
Functional Family Therapy	\$ 124,583	1.13%

TOTAL 2017 - 2018 PUBLIC SAFETY TAX BUDGET

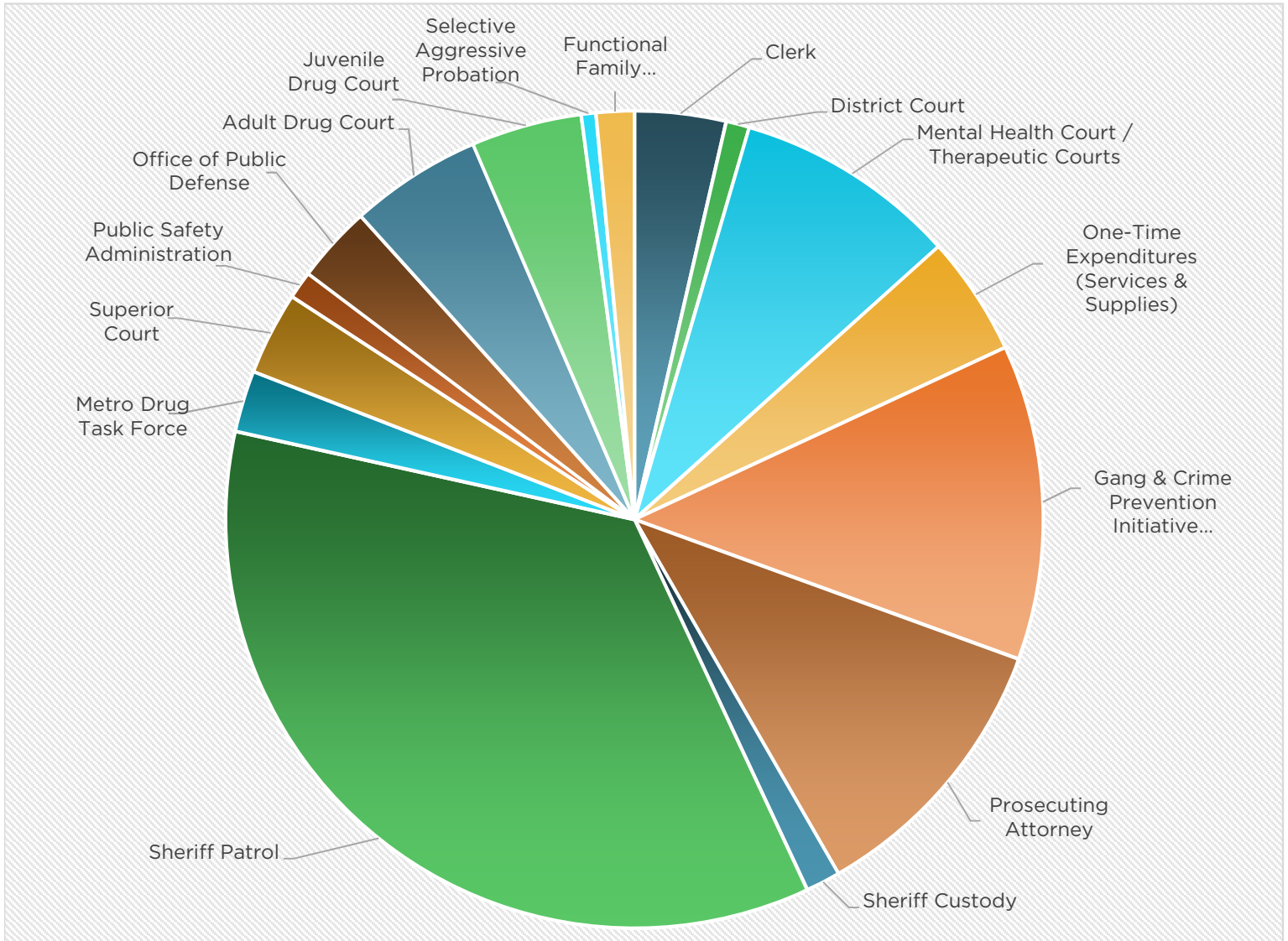
\$ 11,033,833

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EXPENDITURE ALLOTMENT BY DEPARTMENT

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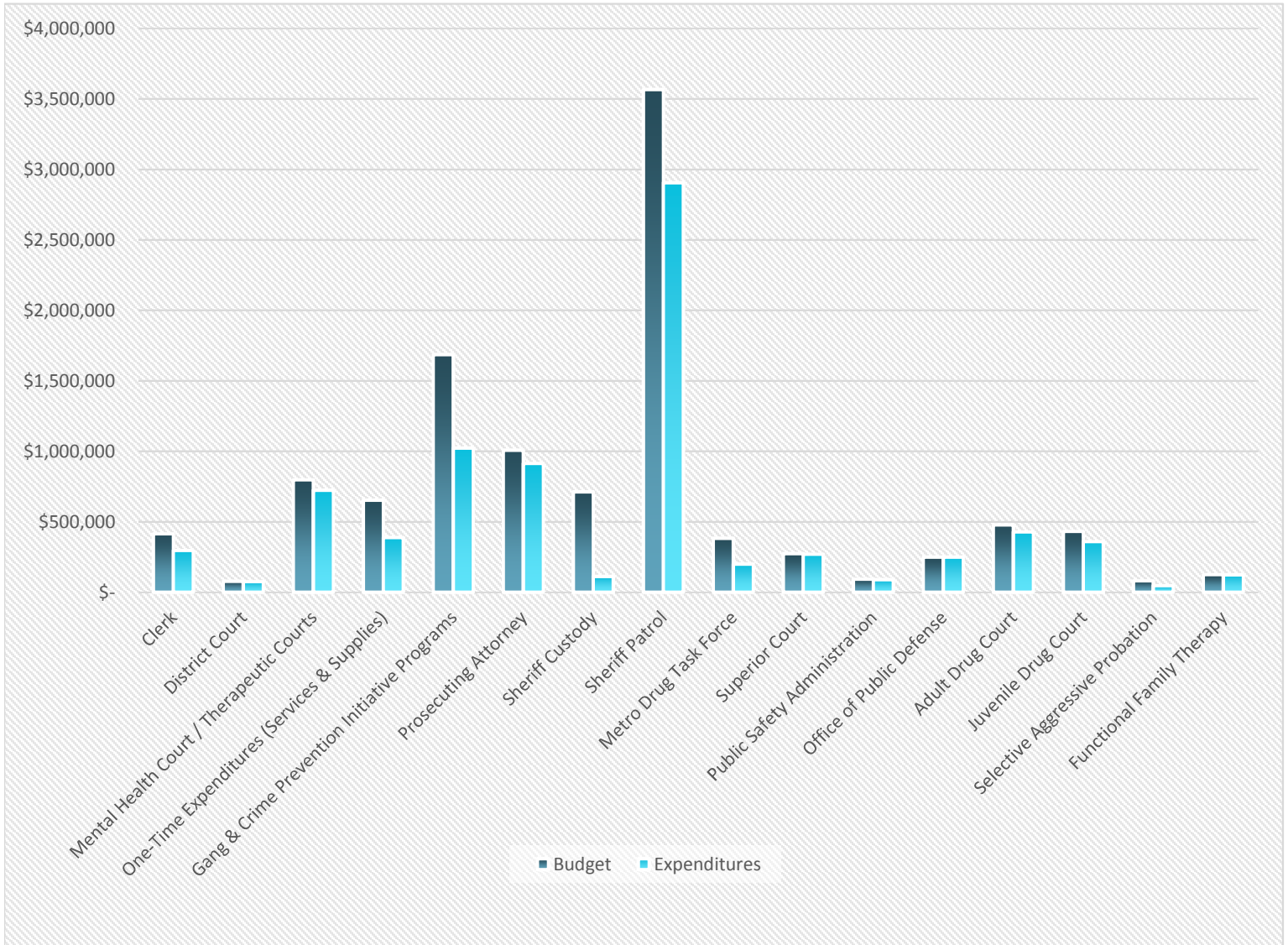


Department	Expenditures	Percentage
Clerk	\$ 296,033	3.61%
District Court	\$ 75,534	0.92%
Mental Health Court / Therapeutic Courts	\$ 724,239	8.82%
One-Time Expenditures (Services & Supplies)	\$ 388,679	4.74%
Gang & Crime Prevention Initiative Programs	\$ 1,023,115	12.46%
Prosecuting Attorney	\$ 913,833	11.13%
Sheriff Custody	\$ 112,473	1.37%
Sheriff Patrol	\$ 2,906,138	35.41%
Metro Drug Task Force	\$ 199,892	2.44%
Superior Court	\$ 270,157	3.29%
Public Safety Administration	\$ 89,668	1.09%
Office of Public Defense	\$ 249,571	3.04%
Adult Drug Court	\$ 427,789	5.21%
Juvenile Drug Court	\$ 359,575	4.38%
Selective Aggressive Probation	\$ 47,350	0.58%
Functional Family Therapy	\$ 123,999	1.51%

TOTAL 2017-2018 PUBLIC SAFETY TAX EXPENDITURES	\$ 8,208,047	100.00%
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BUDGET VS. EXPENDITURES BY DEPARTMENT

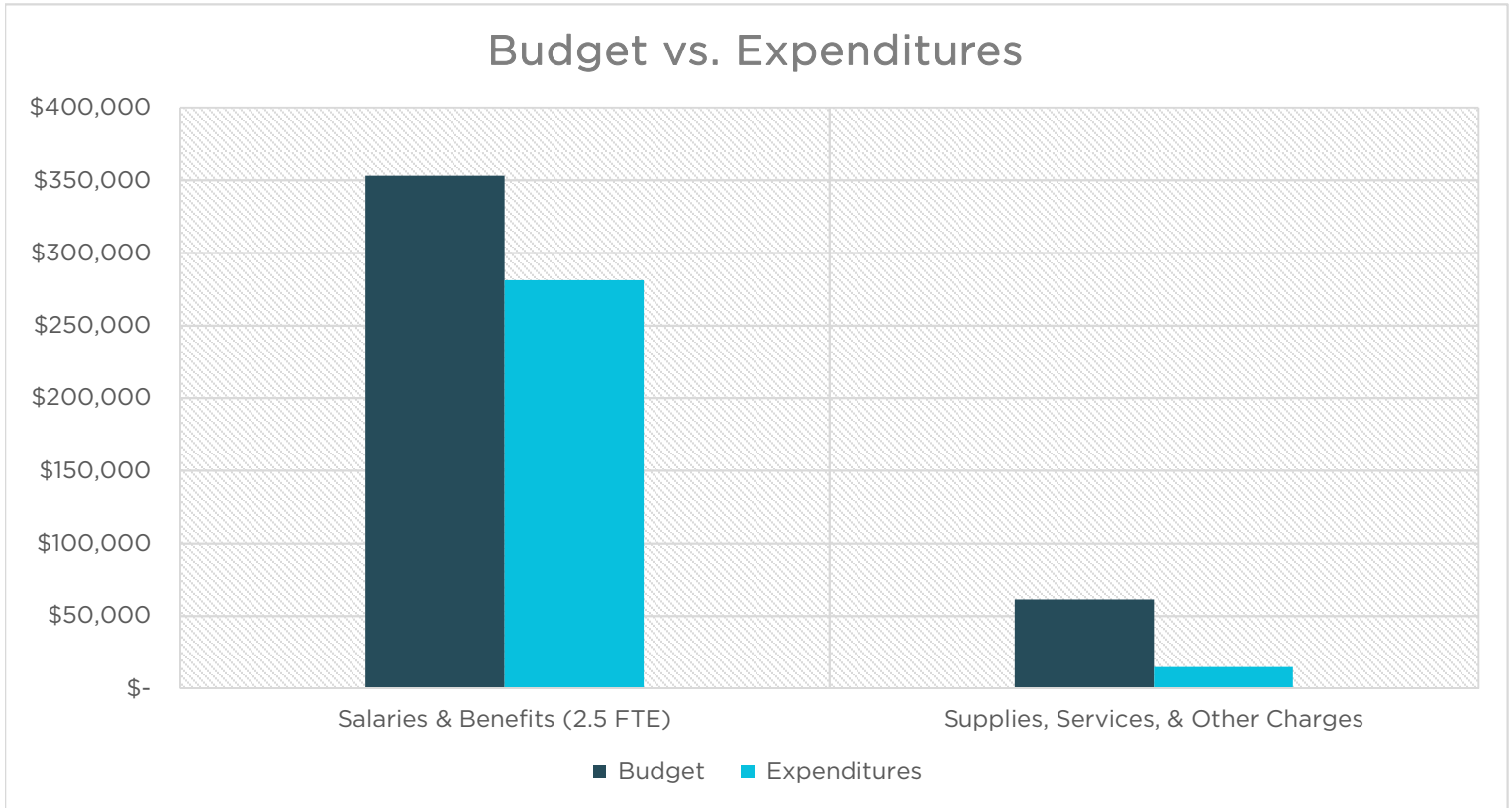
2017-2018 PUBLIC SAFETY SALES TAX



Department	Budget	Expenditures
Clerk	\$ 414,297	\$ 296,033
District Court	\$ 78,398	\$ 75,534
Mental Health Court / Therapeutic Courts	\$ 797,746	\$ 724,239
One-Time Expenditures (Services & Supplies)	\$ 653,432	\$ 388,679
Gang & Crime Prevention Initiative Programs	\$ 1,686,261	\$ 1,023,115
Prosecuting Attorney	\$ 1,008,051	\$ 913,833
Sheriff Custody	\$ 712,703	\$ 112,473
Sheriff Patrol	\$ 3,566,517	\$ 2,906,138
Metro Drug Task Force	\$ 383,273	\$ 199,892
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Public Safety Administration	\$ 92,672	\$ 89,668
Office of Public Defense	\$ 249,676	\$ 249,571
Adult Drug Court	\$ 478,246	\$ 427,789
Juvenile Drug Court	\$ 431,948	\$ 359,575
Selective Aggressive Probation	\$ 81,505	\$ 47,350
Functional Family Therapy	\$ 124,583	\$ 123,999
TOTAL 2017-2018 PUBLIC SAFETY TAX EXPENDITURES	\$ 11,033,833	\$ 8,208,047

BENTON COUNTY CLERK'S OFFICE

2017-2018 PUBLIC SAFETY SALES TAX



Description	Budget	Expenditures	% Used
Salaries & Benefits (2.5 FTE)	\$ 352,962	\$ 281,243	80%
Supplies, Services, & Other Charges	\$ 61,335	\$ 14,790	24%
Total	\$ 414,297	\$ 296,033	71%

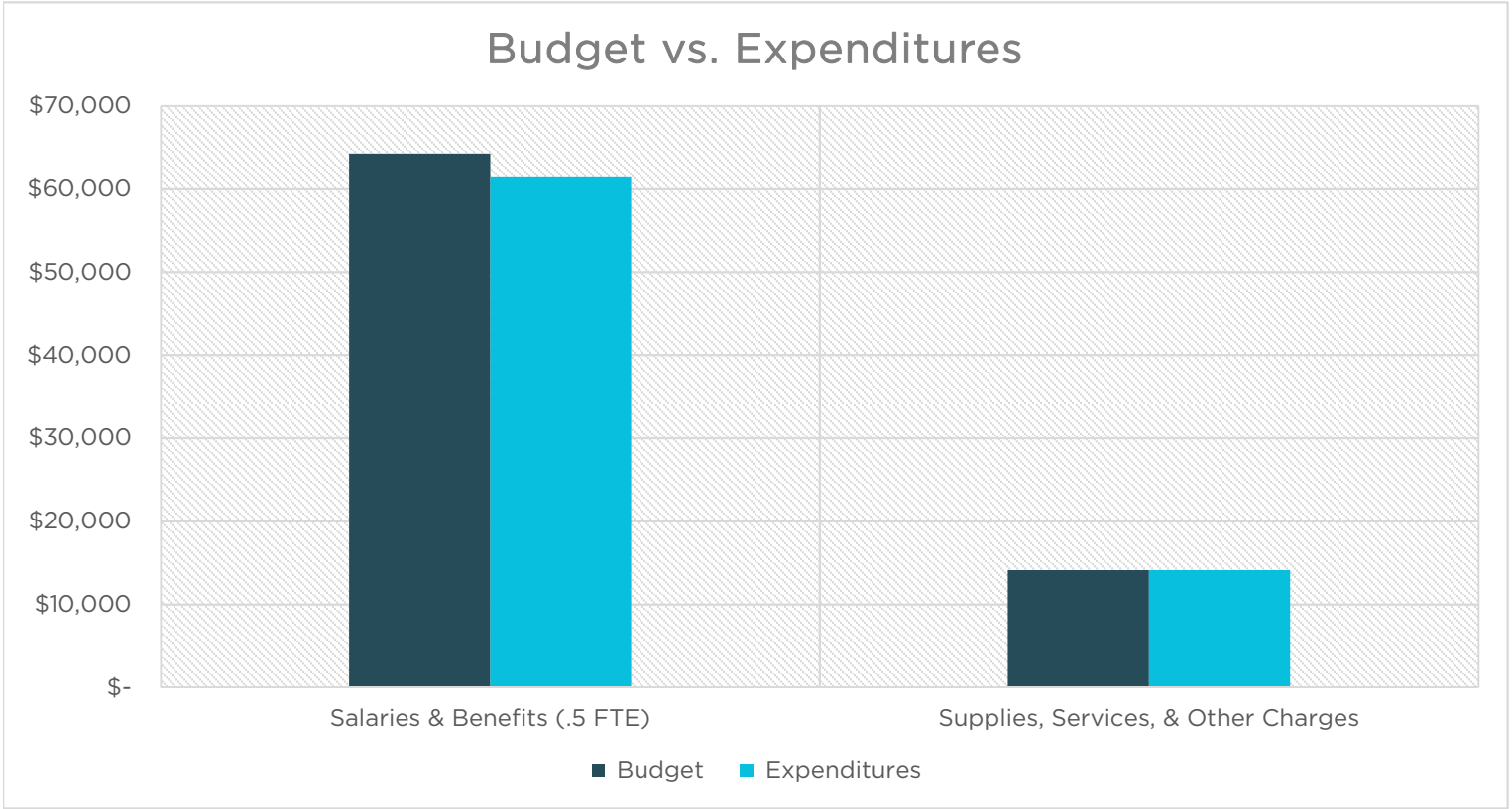
The 2017-2018 expenses for the Clerk's Office include the Legal Process Assistant (LPA) III for the ex-parte docket that continues on a daily basis. The ex parte docket has improved efficiency in the Clerk's Office by allowing individuals to appear before a judicial officer. The ex parte clerk supports the judiciary during this docket by assuring that the judicial officer has all of the information that they request, such as pending cases or prior decisions.

Additional funds were allocated to hire an a second LPA III clerk that is a "floater" type position, who is trained in each departments' dockets and trials. This position alleviates taking a person from a particular department and allows those people to keep up on their regular, daily work. This has been extremely helpful in areas of lengthy trials and assisting customers at the front counter.

The Clerk's Office also took on the pilot project of Indigent Financial Screeners. One position was hired near the end of 2018 and was not originally budgeted. This position works with District Court as well as Superior Court defendants, gathering information regarding their financial situation. This gives the judges in each court verified information so that they can make a better-informed decision regarding appointment of counsel at public expense. With these positions comes the general costs of computers, supplies and expenses related to personnel costs.

BENTON COUNTY DISTRICT COURT

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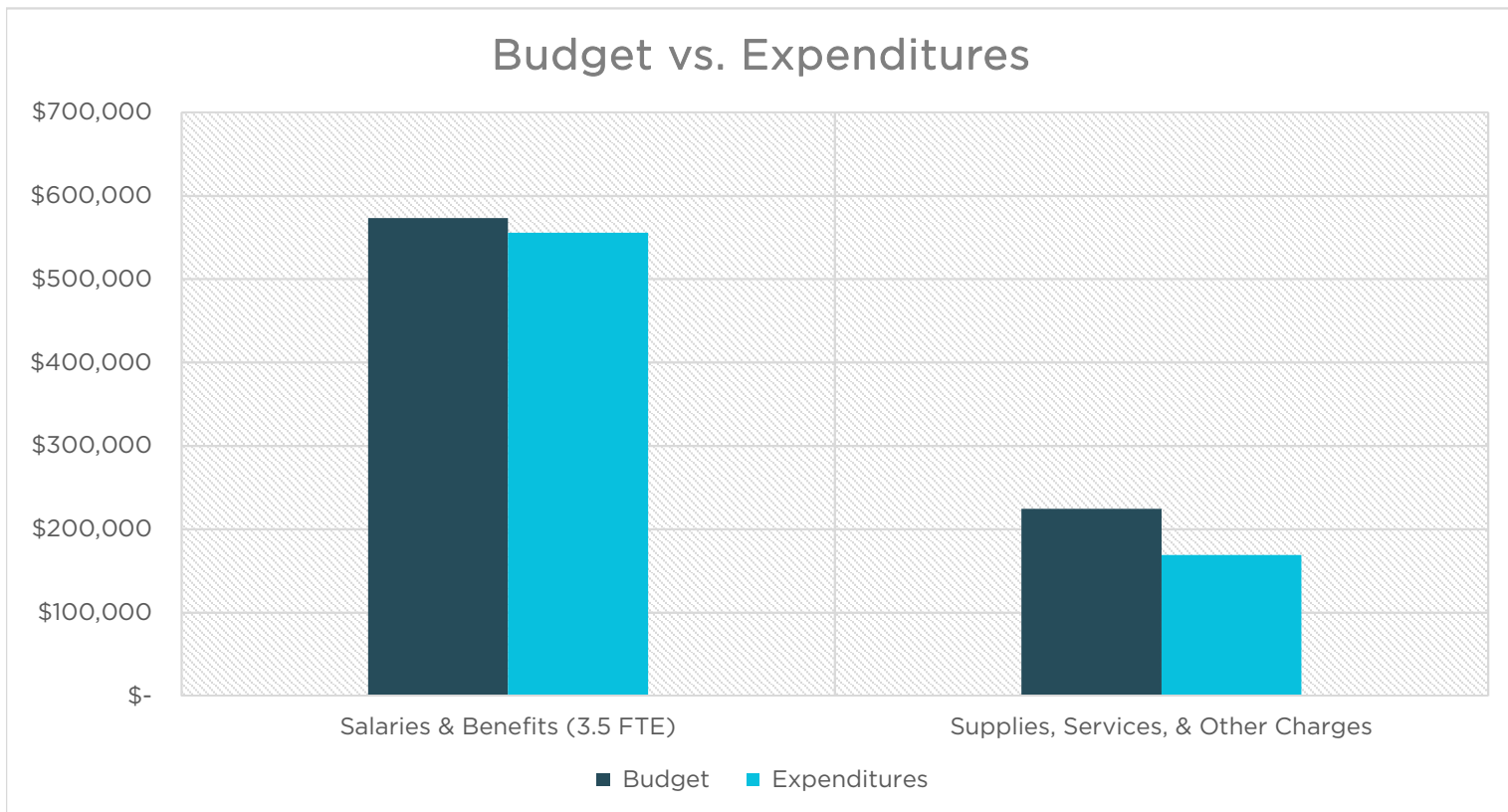


Description	Budget	Expenditures	% Used
Salaries & Benefits (.5 FTE)	\$ 64,261	\$ 61,397	96%
Supplies, Services, & Other Charges	\$ 14,137	\$ 14,137	100%
Total	\$ 78,398	\$ 75,534	96%

District Court utilizes the Public Safety Sales Tax to fund a part-time clerk’s salary, benefits and supplies.

MENTAL HEALTH COURT / THERAPEUTIC COURTS

2017-2018 PUBLIC SAFETY SALES TAX



Description	Budget	Expenditures	% Used
Salaries & Benefits (3.5 FTE)	\$ 573,135	\$ 555,355	97%
Supplies, Services, & Other Charges	\$ 224,611	\$ 168,883	75%
Total	\$ 797,746	\$ 724,238	91%

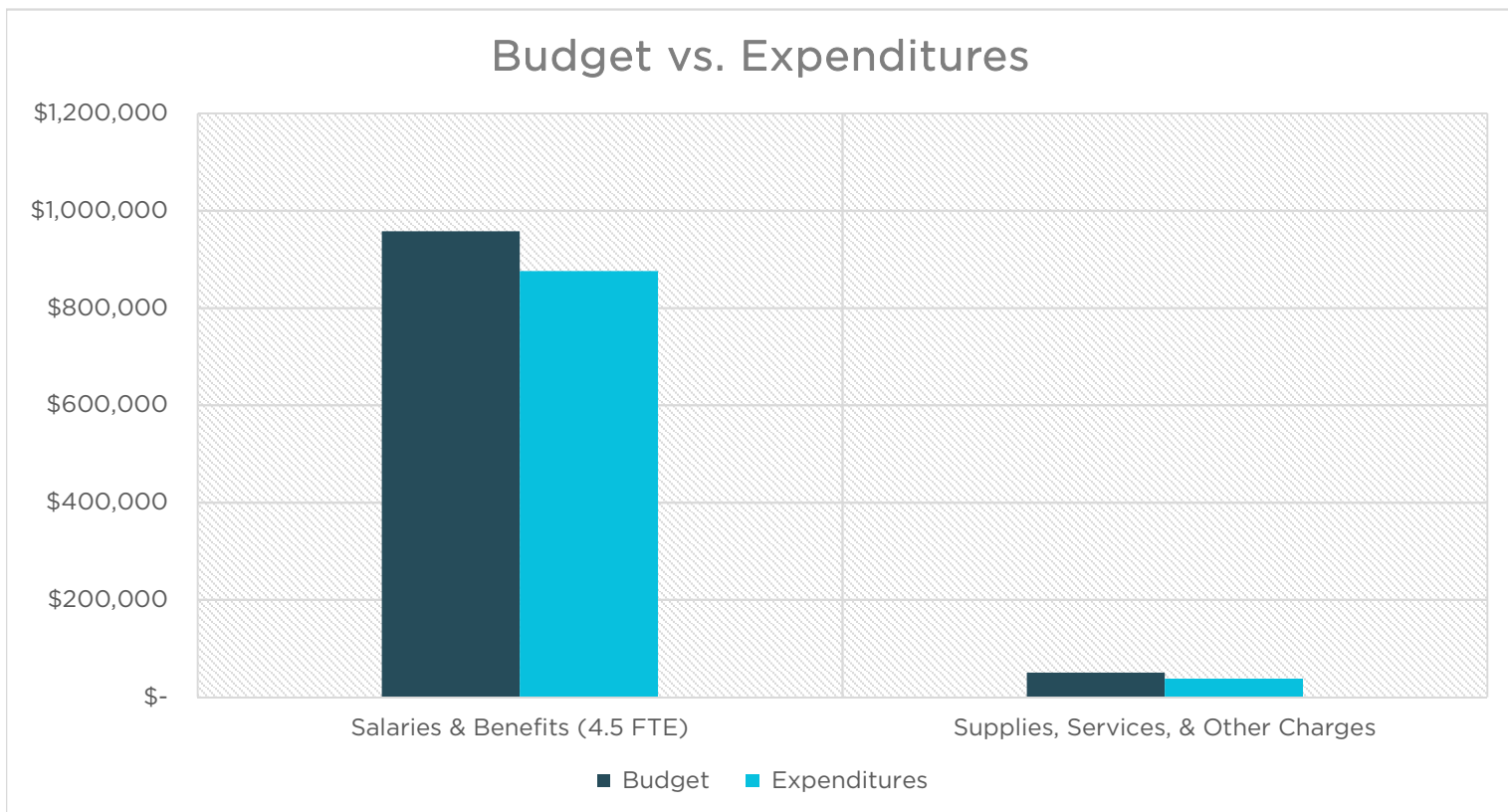
Mental Health Court saw significant program growth over the 2017-2018 biennium. The program received a total of 187 referrals and graduated 31 participants. The 31 graduates represent chronically mentally ill individuals in our community who were able to participate in an intensive rehabilitative program to achieve stability with the opportunity to have their criminal charges dismissed.

In 2017, a .5 FTE Court Clerk was added to the Mental Health Court team. Other expenditures throughout the biennium included staff salaries/benefits, a contracted defense attorney from the Office of Public Defense (OPD), staff training, supplies, forms, incentive, transportation assistance and other necessary operational costs.

Participants have significantly benefited from the structure and support of Mental Health Court. The Mental Health Court team is proud of the life-changing progress made by our participants, including stabilizing with the assistance of mental health and chemical dependency services, obtaining employment, enrolling in school, obtaining housing, rebuilding relationships with family members, and the completion of well over 2000 hours of volunteer service to our community.

BENTON COUNTY PROSECUTING ATTORNEY'S OFFICE

2017-2018 PUBLIC SAFETY SALES TAX



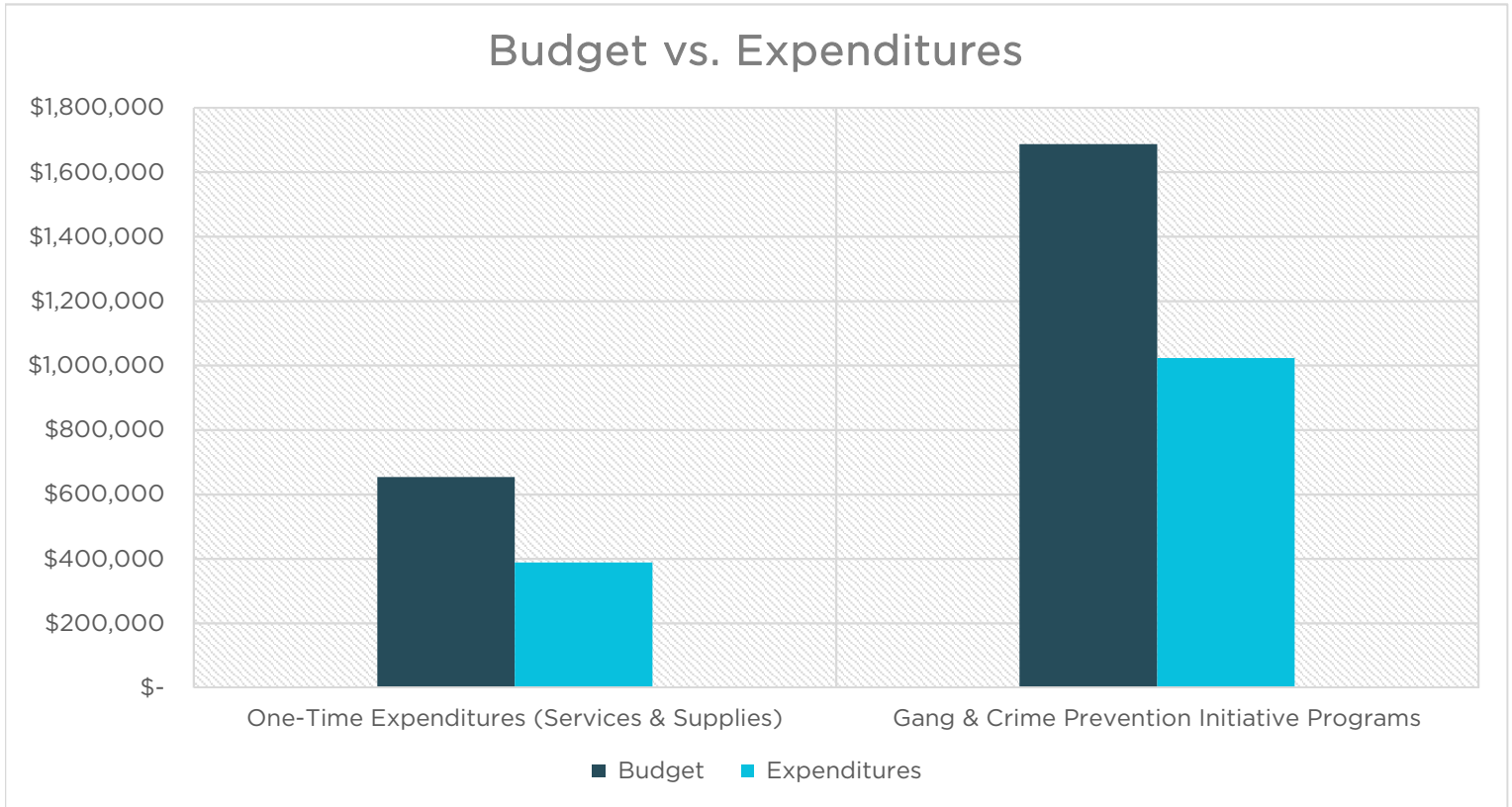
Description	Budget	Expenditures	% Used
Salaries & Benefits (4.5 FTE)	\$ 957,754	\$ 875,972	91%
Supplies, Services, & Other Charges	50,297	37,861	75%
Total	\$ 1,008,051	\$ 913,833	91%

The original help 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, it has also improved the overall quality of the office’s appellate briefs in meeting the technical rules and deadlines of appellate courts. The original request allowed for an additional felony deputy prosecutor and an additional support staff position. Together, they 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.

In 2019-2020, the PSST will provide help in three additional areas. It will allow for continuation of the existing victim witness program, which was originally funded solely by assessments paid by criminal defendants upon conviction. These original revenues have declined, and PSST funds allow the program to continue at full strength. The PSST will also provide funding for the development and implementation of a new database, which will allow for transition to a paperless system and more efficient case filing and document preparation. An additional deputy prosecutor is also funded in the new biennium (2019-2020) and will specialize in child sexual exploitation cases, which require specialized knowledge and account for a disproportionate number of hearings/trials due to their complex nature.

ONE-TIME EXPENDITURES, GANG & CRIME PREVENTION

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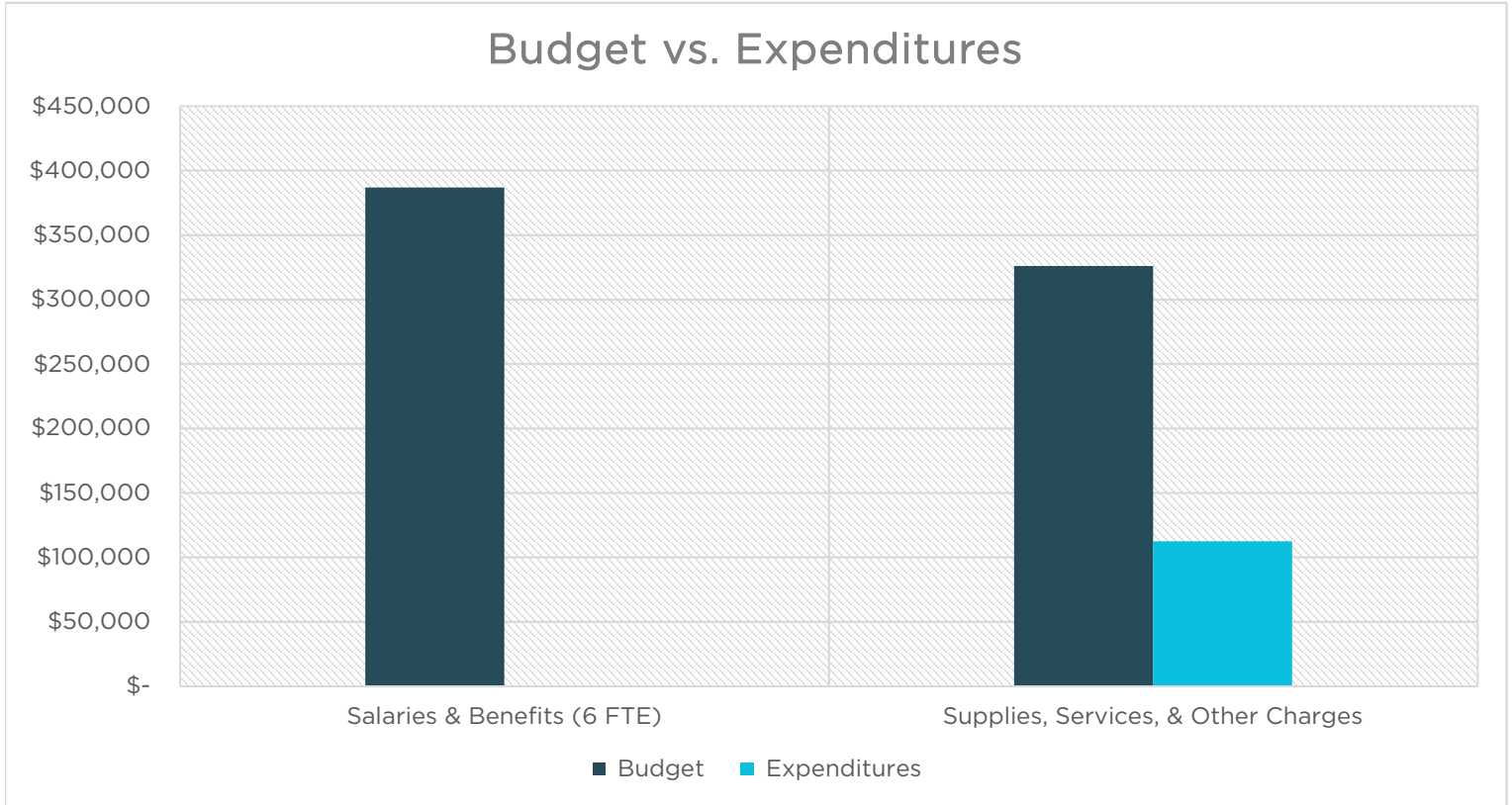


Description	Budget	Expenditures	% Used
One-Time Expenditures (Services & Supplies)	\$ 653,432	\$ 388,679	59%
Gang & Crime Prevention Initiative Programs	\$ 1,686,261	\$ 1,023,115	61%
Total	\$ 2,339,693	\$ 1,411,794	60%

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.

BENTON COUNTY SHERIFF'S OFFICE: CUSTODY

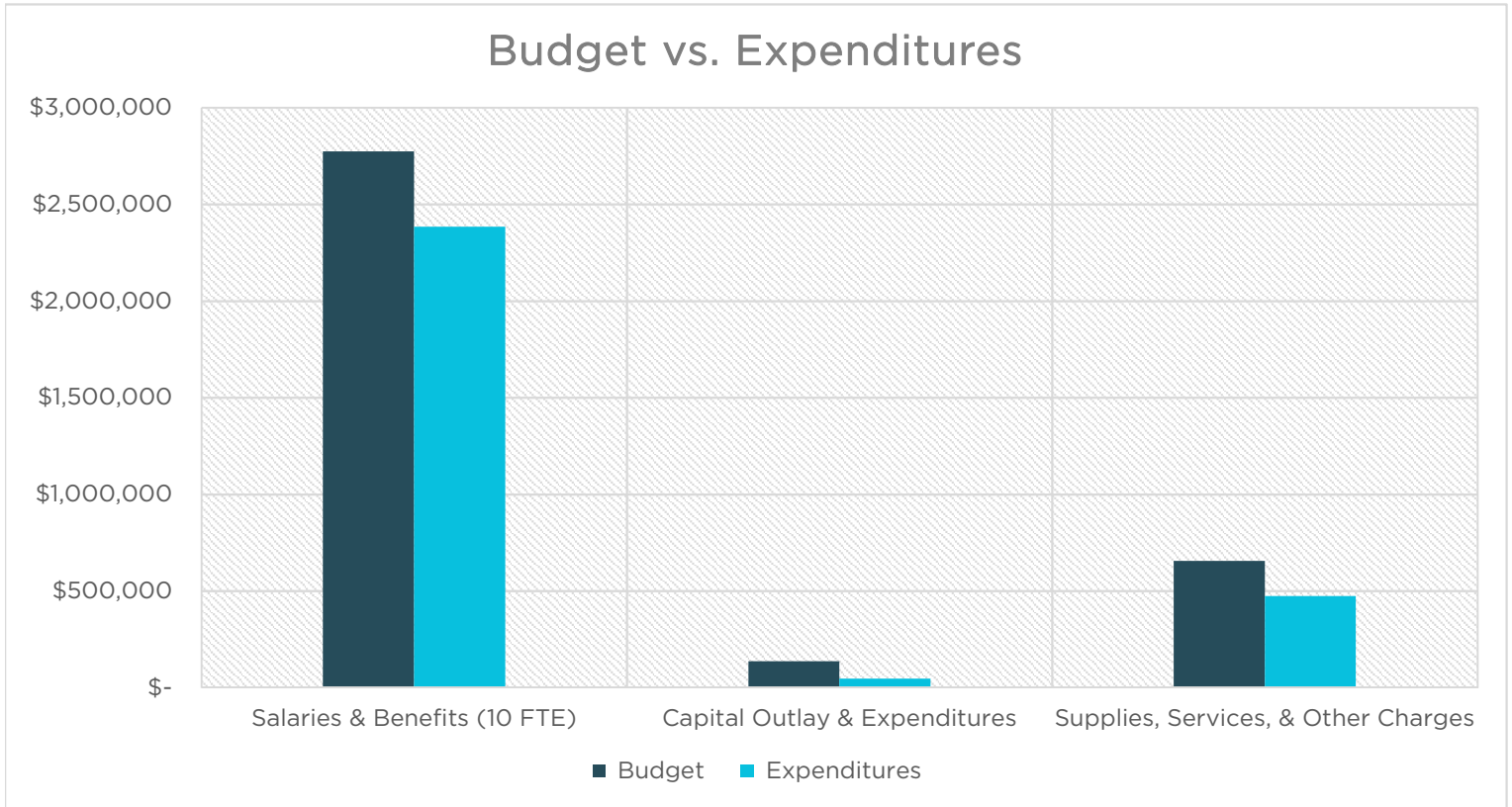
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Description	Budget	Expenditures	% Used
Salaries & Benefits (1 FTE)	\$ 386,877	\$ 167	0%
Supplies, Services, & Other Charges	\$ 325,826	\$ 112,307	34%
Total	\$ 712,703	\$ 112,473	16%

BENTON COUNTY SHERIFF'S OFFICE: PATROL

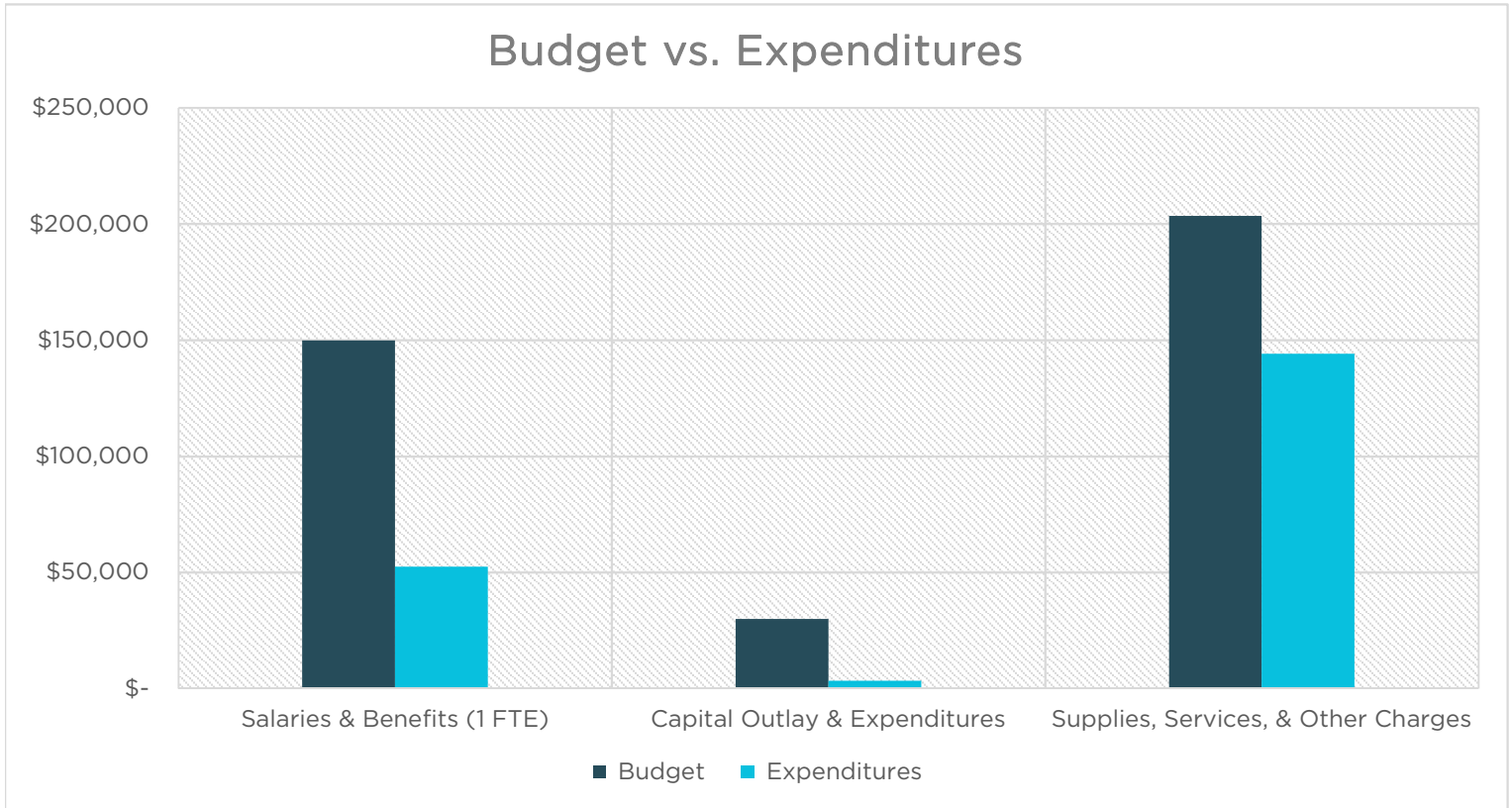
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Description	Budget	Expenditures	% Used
Salaries & Benefits (14 FTE) Capital	\$ 2,773,805	\$ 2,384,131	86%
Outlay & Expenditures	\$ 136,549	\$ 47,200	35%
Supplies, Services, & Other Charges	\$ 656,163	\$ 474,807	72%
Total	\$ 3,566,517	\$ 2,906,138	81%

METRO DRUG TASK FORCE

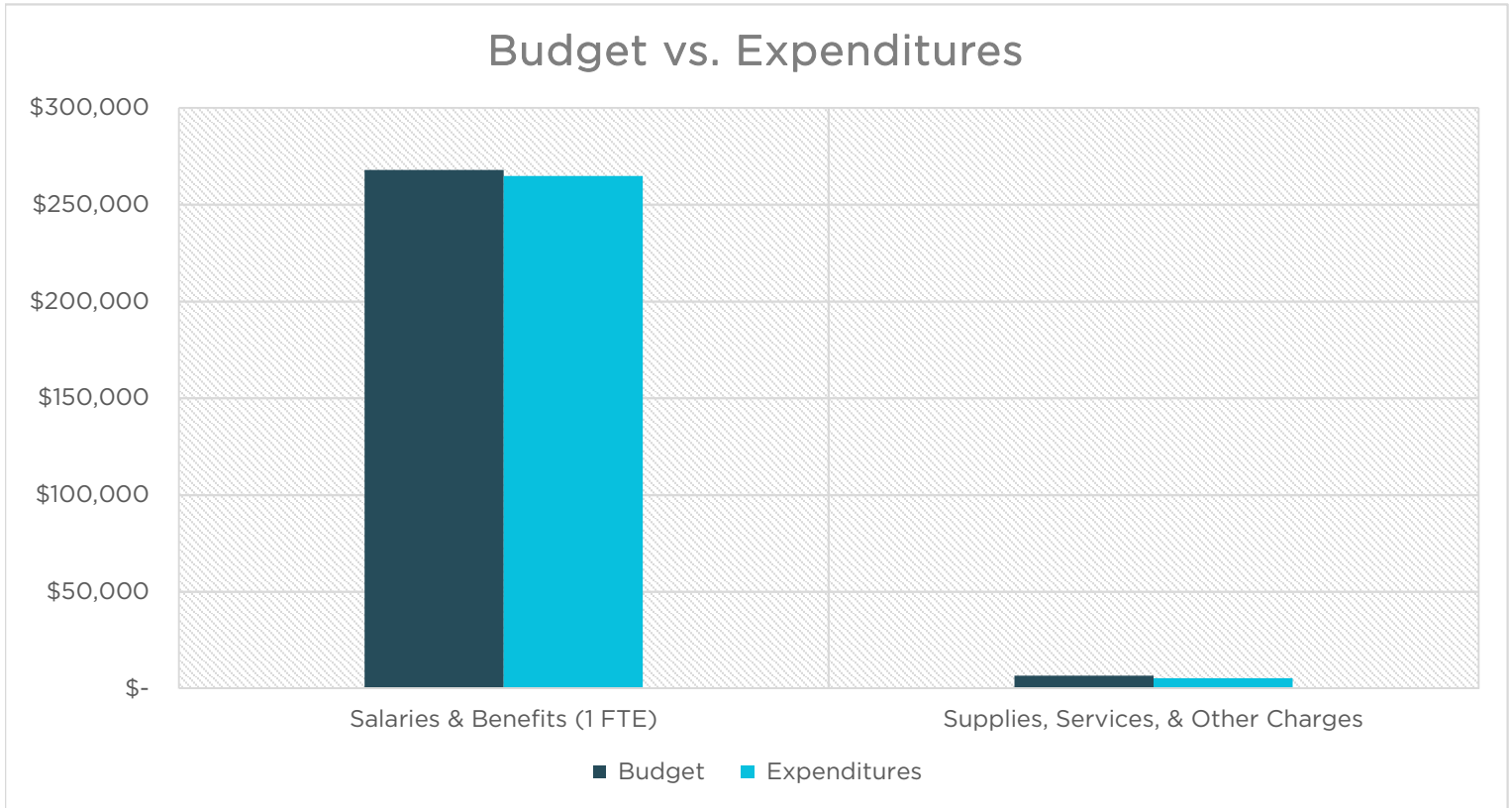
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Description	Budget	Expenditures	% Used
Salaries & Benefits (1 FTE)	\$ 149,782	\$ 52,457	35%
Capital Outlay & Expenditures	\$ 30,000	\$ 3,347	11%
Supplies, Services, & Other Charges	\$ 203,491	\$ 144,078	71%
Total	\$ 383,273	\$ 199,882	52%

BENTON-FRANKLIN COUNTIES SUPERIOR COURT

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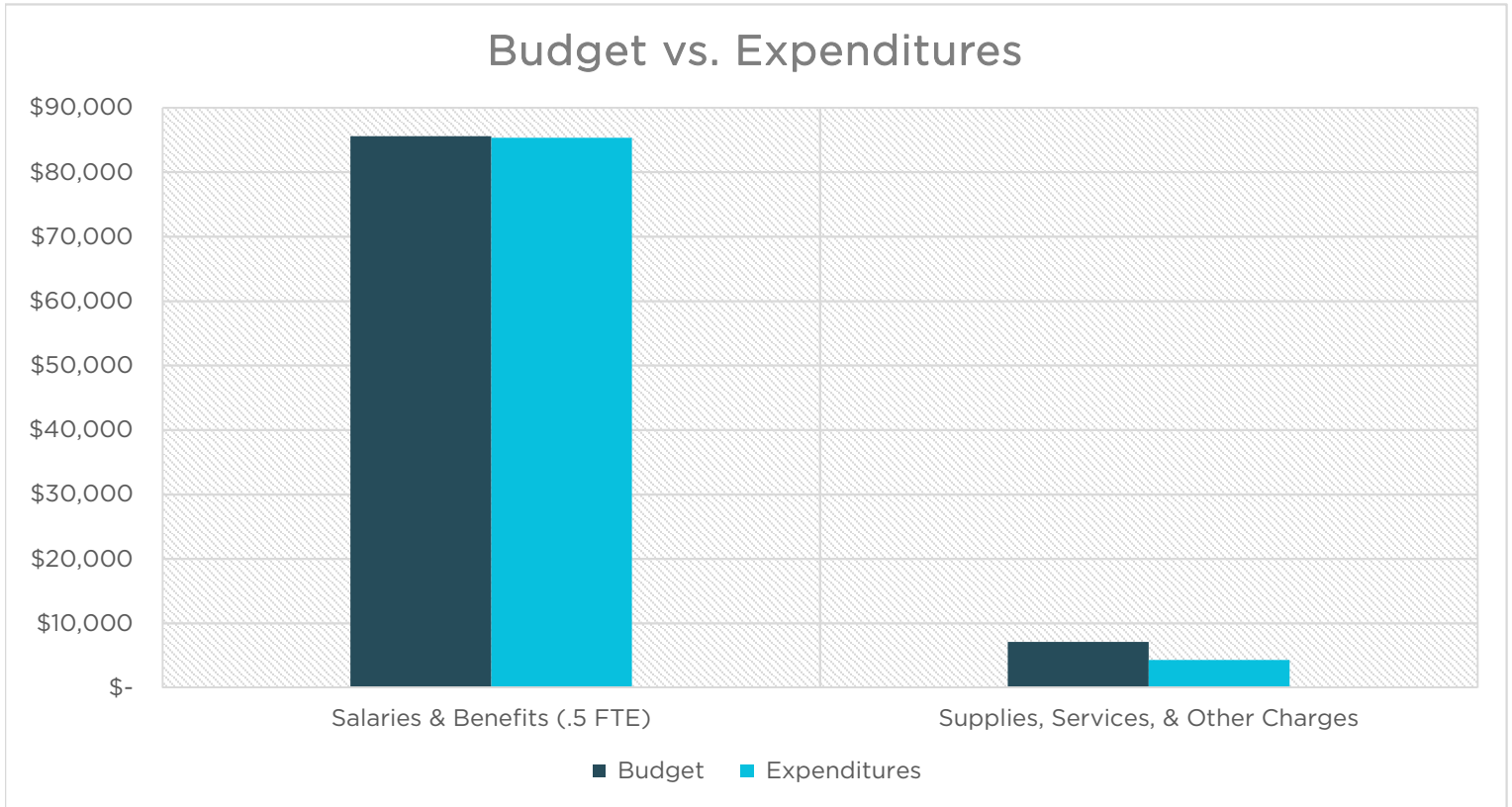
Description	Budget	Expenditures	% Used
Salaries & Benefits (1 FTE)	\$ 267,893	\$ 264,829	99%
Supplies, Services, & Other Charges	\$ 6,632	\$ 5,328	80%
Total	\$ 274,525	\$ 270,157	98%

The Superior Court budget and expenditures reflect 2 years (2017-2018) of salary and wages for the seventh Superior Court Judge and one-half time Court Commissioner, as well as the supplies and services needed to accommodate the additional positions. The Judicial position was filled in October 2015 and the one-half time Court Commissioner position was filled in January 2017. The Superior Court is a Bi-County Judicial District, but only Benton County costs are reflected under the Public Safety Tax Budget. Additionally, the counties are responsible for only one-half of the elected judicial officer's salary - the State of Washington is responsible for the other one-half of the salary and all benefits.

Note that this budget reflects only the Benton County costs for the Benton-Franklin Counties Superior Court, and do not include expenditures related to Franklin County.

PUBLIC SAFETY ADMINISTRATION

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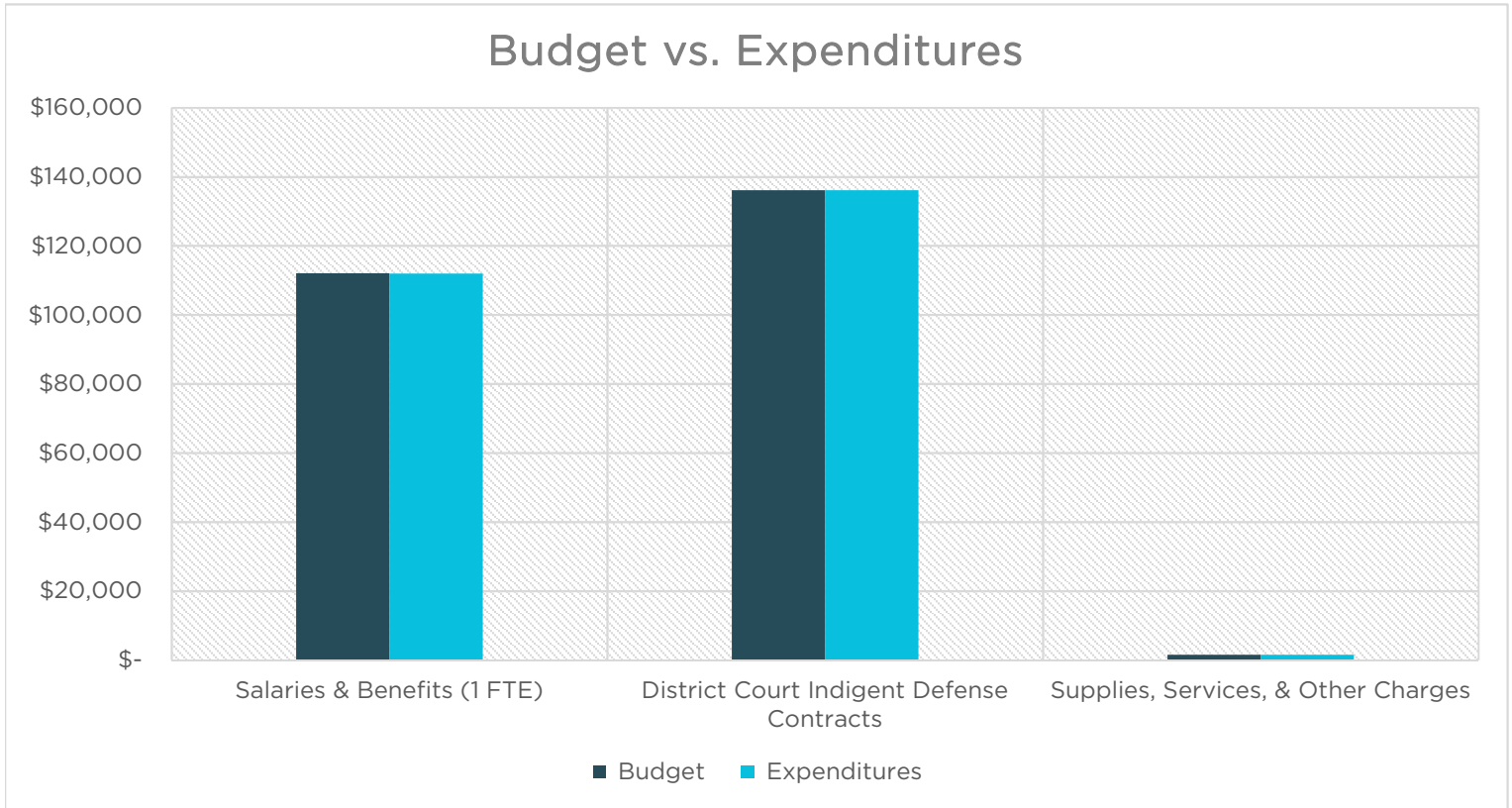


Description	Budget	Expenditures	% Used
Salaries & Benefits (.5 FTE)	\$ 85,589	\$ 85,343	100%
Supplies, Services, & Other Charges	\$ 7,083	\$ 4,325	61%
Total	\$ 92,672	\$ 89,668	97%

The Public Safety Administration budget and expenditures reflect two (2) years (2017-2018) of salary, benefits, and supplies for 1/2 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. The other 1/2 of that position is funded through the Sustainable Development Department.

BENTON COUNTY OFFICE OF PUBLIC DEFENSE

2017-2018 PUBLIC SAFETY SALES TAX



Description	Budget	Expenditures	% Used
Salaries & Benefits (1 FTE)	\$ 112,045	\$ 111,940	100%
District Court Indigent Defense Contracts	\$ 136,091	\$ 136,091	100%
Supplies, Services, & Other Charges	\$ 1,540	\$ 1,540	100%
Total	\$ 249,676	\$ 249,571	100%

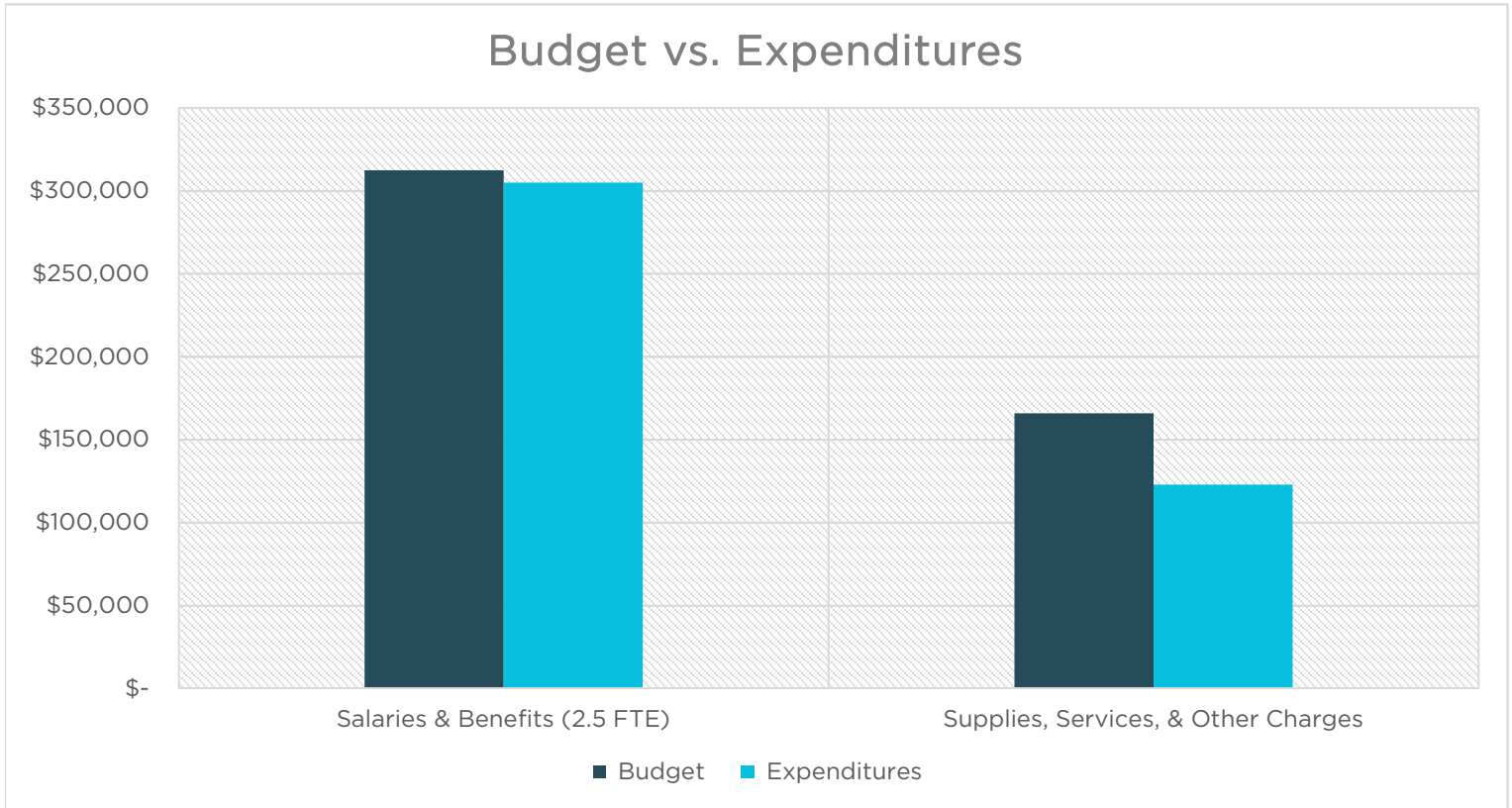
In 2018, Public Safety Tax funds provided the Office of Public Defense with important key resources to help it achieve its Constitutionally-mandated mission of providing quality public defense services.

First, we continued to fund an Executive Assistant who was hired in Summer 2017 to augment our support staff. This new position has been instrumental in supporting not only the administrative, but also the case support aspects of our operations. While our Staff Defender ranks remained steady at three attorneys, caseload increases necessitated a swelling of our contract public defender numbers, resulting in our office managing well in excess of 40 public defense contracts in 2018.

The balance of our funding has been utilized to continue to provide high quality public defense services in Benton County District Court. Contrary to recent years where caseloads have trended downward, the District Court caseload for 2018 experienced a sharper increase than we've seen in a long time. All in all, the year-over-year increase in District Court public defense caseload between 2018 and 2019 was almost 18%, an amount that was much higher than expected.

ADULT DRUG COURT

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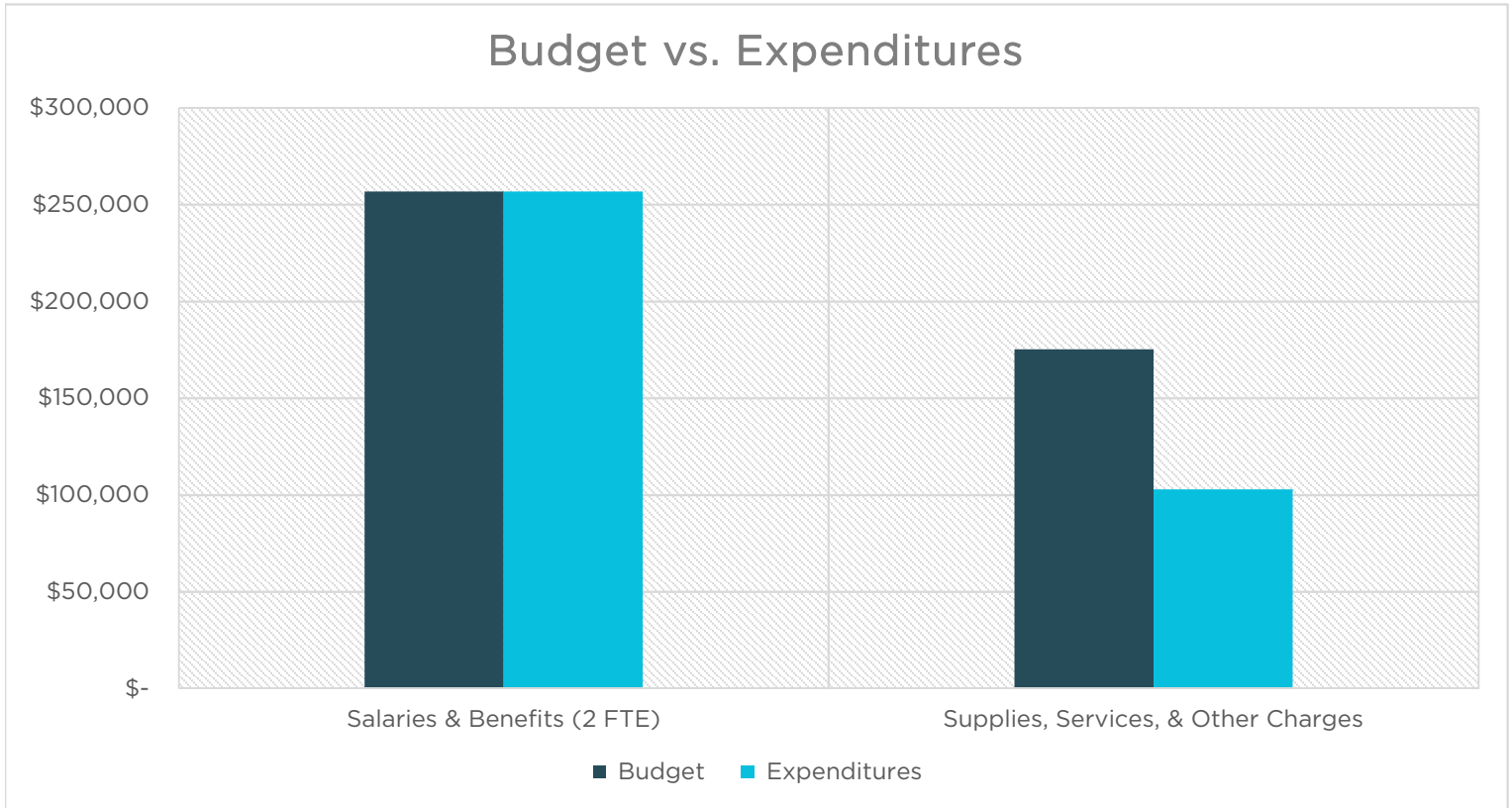
Description	Budget	Expenditures	% Used
Salaries & Benefits (2.5 FTE)	\$ 312,304	\$ 304,818	98%
Supplies, Services, & Other Charges	\$ 165,942	\$ 122,970	74%
Total	\$ 478,246	\$ 427,788	89%

The Adult Drug Court was transferred to the Public Safety Tax Budget in 2016 and restored to the original Adult Drug court capacity of 45 participants in June of 2016. The Adult Drug Court budget and expenditures reflect 2 years (2017-2018) of salary and benefits for a Drug Court Coordinator, Drug Court Case Manager and a part-time Secretary, as well as program-related supplies, contract services, and professional services (including indigent defense services). The Adult Drug Court celebrated 20 graduates in 2017 and 20 graduates in 2018. The program has had a total of 263 graduates since its inception.

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

JUVENILE DRUG COURT

2017-2018 PUBLIC SAFETY SALES TAX



Description	Budget	Expenditures	% Used
Salaries & Benefits (2 FTE)	\$ 256,743	\$ 256,745	100%
Supplies, Services, & Other Charges	\$ 175,205	\$ 102,830	59%
Total	\$ 431,948	\$ 359,575	83%

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.

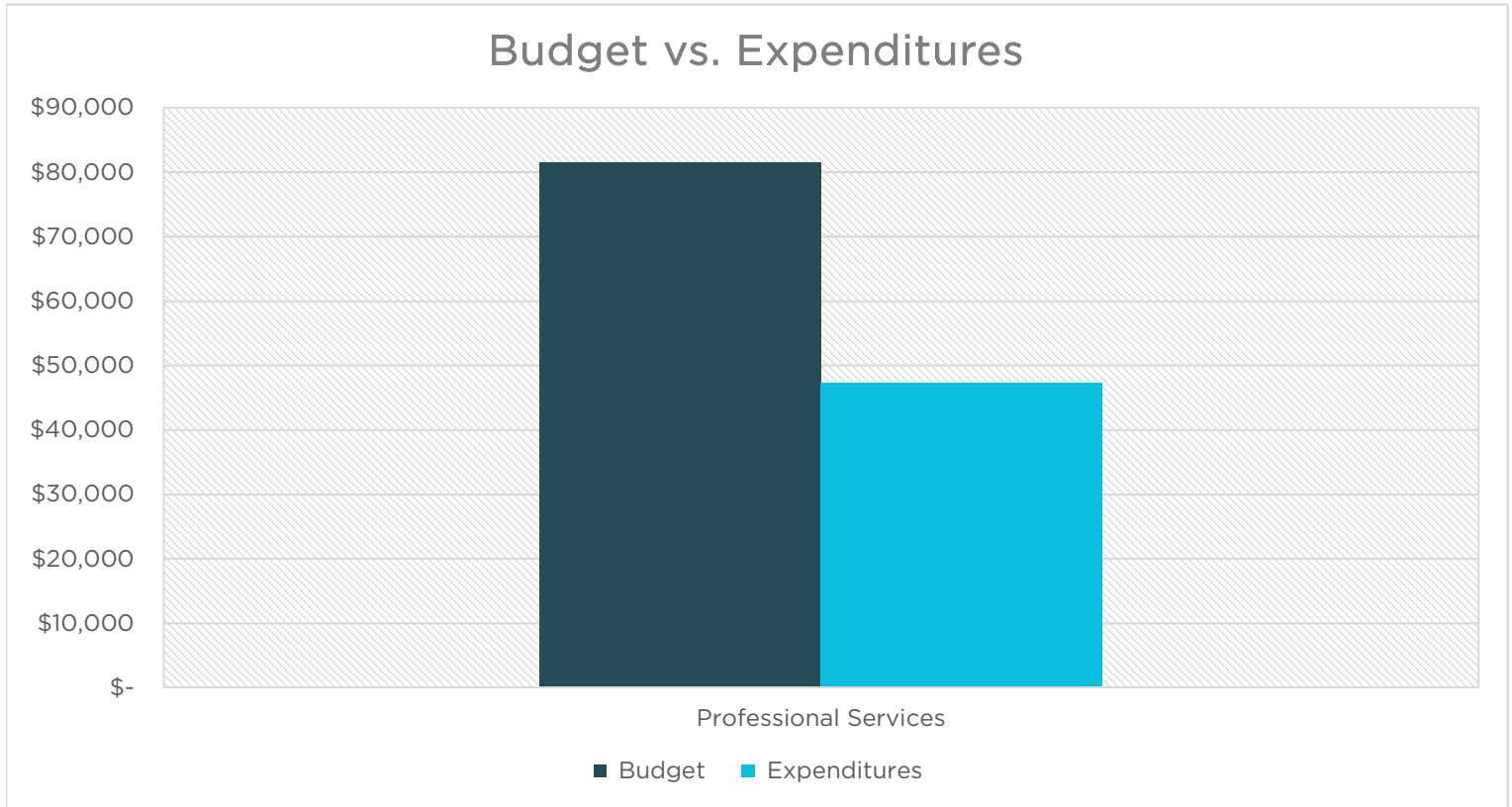
JDC is a pre-adjudication program that lasts approximately 10 to 18 months, to successfully complete the program a youth must complete their treatment requirements, maintain their sobriety, and be involved in an educational program or be employed. Upon successful completion, the prosecuting attorney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

In 2017, the JDC served 35 youth and successfully graduated 13 youth. In 2018, the JDC served 31 youth and successfully graduated 5 youth.

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

SELECTIVE AGGRESSIVE PROBATION (SAP)

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Description	Budget	Expenditures	% Used
Professional Services	\$ 81,505	\$ 47,350	58%
Total	\$ 81,505	\$ 47,350	58%

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.

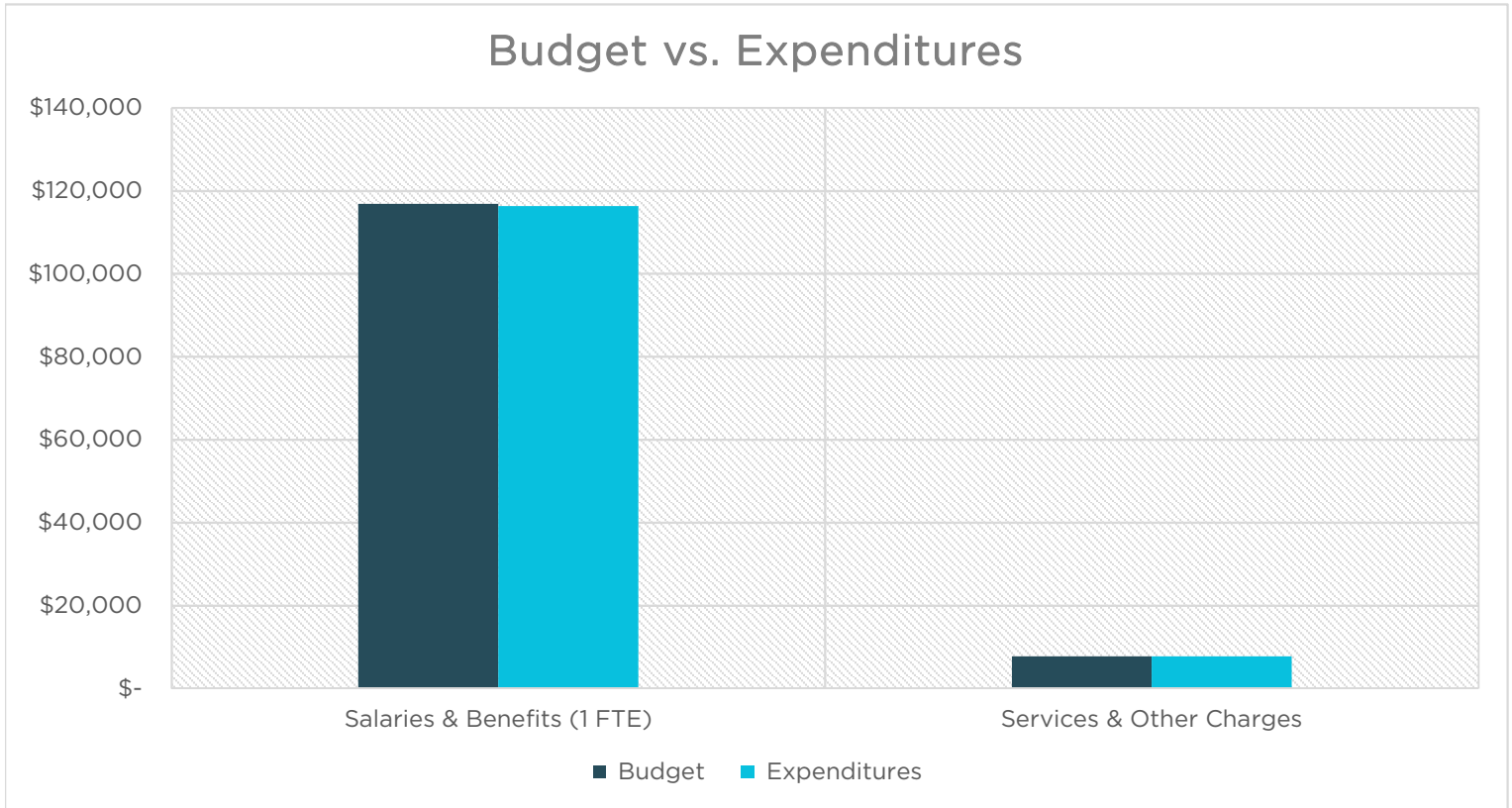
In 2017, 51 youth were served through SAP with 40 youth participating in the following evidenced based programming: 20 youth participated in Aggression Replacement Training (ART), 5 youth participated in Functional Family Therapy (FFT), and 15 youth participated in Multi-Systemic Therapy (MST). In addition, youth attended educational programming and/or were referred to employment programs. As an example, 15 youth attend the GED program at the juvenile center with 11 youth obtaining their GED and six youth participated in employment programming at Work Source.

In 2018, 53 youth were served through SAP with 30 youth participating in the following evidenced based programming: 19 youth participated in Aggression Replacement Training(ART), 3 youth participated in Functional Family Therapy (FFT) and 8 youth participated in Multi-Systemic Therapy (MST). In addition, 3 youth completed their GED.

SAP is a Bi-County program, but only Benton County costs are reflected under the Public Safety Tax Budget.

FUNCTIONAL FAMILY THERAPY (FFT)

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Description	Budget	Expenditures	% Used
Salaries & Benefits (1 FTE)	\$ 116,851	\$ 116,267	99%
Services & Other Charges	\$ 7,732	\$ 7,732	100%
Total	\$ 116,851	\$ 116,267	99%

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. At its core, FFT focuses on assessment and intervention to address risk and protective factors within and outside of the family that impact the youth and his or her development.

In 2017, the Benton-Franklin Counties Juvenile Justice Center provided 23 families with FFT services.

In 2018, the Benton-Franklin Counties Juvenile Justice Center provided 29 families with FFT services, with 22 families completing the program successfully.

FFT is a Bi-County program, but only Benton County costs are reflected under the Public Safety Tax Budget.

GANG & CRIME PREVENTION INITIATIVE

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. This Initiative will achieve its mission by providing resources to support the program efforts of third-party partners that have the reduction of gang-related and other criminal activity as a primary goal.

Resources provided through this initiative are primarily in the form of financial support through opportunities for in-kind, data-sharing, expertise, technical assistance, or administrative support resources as appropriate and allowed by law.

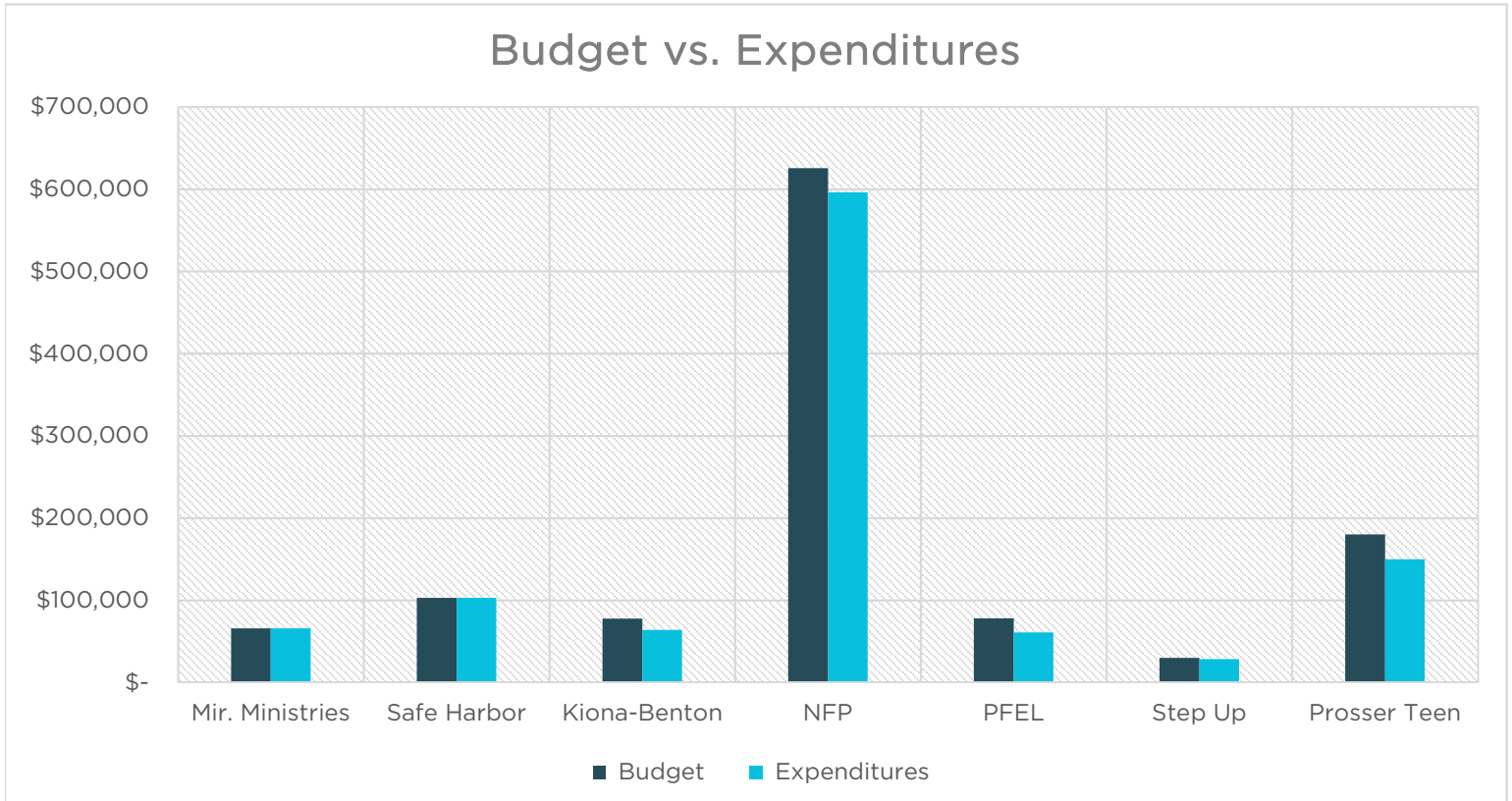
The Benton County Gang & Crime Prevention Initiative is open to the following applicants only during designated RFP process or as requested by the Board of County Commissioners:

- Non-profit corporations or other entities registered as tax exempt with the IRS under IRC 501(c)3 or 501(c)4
- Churches and other tax-exempt organizations are welcome to apply but must have recognized 501(c)3 status to do so.
- Programs must have gang-related and other crime prevention as a central goal and must use an evidence-based approach to this goal (including specific, measurable, meaningful, and community- significant performance measures).
- Maximum contract period: 2 years
- Programs proposed must be new or expand preexisting services/programs by at least 125%

Details about the Public Safety Sales Tax and the Gang & Crime Prevention Initiative can be found on the Benton County website at www.co.benton.wa.us.

GANG & CRIME PREVENTION INITIATIVE

2017 PUBLIC SAFETY SALES TAX



Program Name	Budget	Expenditures	% Used
Mirror Ministries Human Trafficking Survivor Services	\$ 66,000	\$ 66,000	100%
Safe Harbor Emergency Youth Shelter	\$ 103,020	\$ 103,020	100%
Kiona-Benton Crime Prevention Program	\$ 77,810	\$ 63,915	82%
BFHD Nurse Family Partnership	\$ 625,305	\$ 595,847	95%
Partners for Early Learning Building Resilience Program	\$ 78,273	\$ 60,916	78%
Chaplaincy Health Care Step Up Program	\$ 30,000	\$ 28,360	95%
Boys & Girls Club Prosser Teen Program Investment	\$ 180,000	\$ 150,139	83%
Total Program Allocated Budgets	\$ 1,160,407		
Remaining Available Fund Balance (Not Allocated)	\$ 525,854		
Total	\$ 1,686,261	\$ 1,068,197	63%

The Gang & Crime Prevention Initiative was full-swing in 2017 and 2018. At the start of the biennium (2017), the Initiative added two (2) new programs and retained five (5) programs from 2016. The total available budget for two years (2017-2018) was \$1,686,261, with the allocated budget for all of the programs at \$1,160,407, or 69% of available budget.

Detailed reports for each of these programs can be found on our County website, under Public Safety Sales Tax - Gang & Crime Prevention Initiative.

MIRROR MINISTRIES

HUMAN TRAFFICKING SURVIVOR SERVICES

Description	Budget	Expenditures	% Used
Human Trafficking Survivor Services	\$ 66,000	\$ 66,000	100%
Total	\$ 66,000	\$ 66,000	100%

Thanks, in part, to the contract with Benton County, Mirror Ministries has provided much needed outreach, prevention, intervention, and restoration with at-risk populations, specifically those persons victimized, or at threat of being victimized by, domestic sex trafficking (Commercial Sexual Exploitation- CSE). These vital programs are being delivered through their Survivor Services Human Trafficking Advocates to increase public safety.

Mirror Ministries has seen continued momentum and growth. They have two (2) full-time sex trafficking specialists that serve as advocates for local victims and survivors of trafficking. The Mirror Ministries Outreach Center is busy 5 days a week with their Survivor Support Group activities including Music and Art Therapy, Life Skills, Cooking, and help with education and employment. They have private counselors that meet with their clients to offer the intensive therapeutic treatment they need. The Outreach Center has hosted special holiday gatherings, baby showers, birthday parties, and graduation ceremonies. All with the goal of bringing hope and healing to local victims of sex trafficking in Benton County.

In 2017-2018, Mirror Ministries' advocates identified and served 116 new victims and survivors (females and males) of sex trafficking. Up to one-third (1/3) of these victims were affiliated with or victimized by gangs. Mirror Ministries' advocates have played a crucial role in the interruption of gang activity and violence through education, intervention, and direct victim advocacy.

Mirror Ministries has brought human trafficking awareness training to 284 different local businesses, schools, agencies, and groups throughout the biennium. They had 3 local showings of SOLD: The Human Trafficking Experience with about 400 attendees, and their SUDS (Stop Underage Domestic Sex-trafficking) campaign reached all 47 hotels in the Tri-Cities during both summers. Their "Not a Product" curriculum for little kids has been well received at community events and schools, teaching hundreds of children about "Tricky People".

This community education allows for earlier identification and intervention for victims. As business owners, service providers, staff and students are made aware of the warning signs and the help available, more victims will be brought forward to receive services. Education of the greater population prevents more human trafficking. As people become aware of the tactics used by traffickers and gangs, new crimes and victims will be prevented.

Mirror Ministries operates a 24/7 hotline for sex trafficking victims. {1 (509) 212-9995} In the last two years (2017-2018) they received 998 phone calls on that line. Some of those calls were current clients in crisis, but many were first-time callers. The hotline receives calls from the victims themselves, family members, CPS, Law Enforcement, Justice and Detention systems, schools, and community members. Some of the calls are following their Street Outreach, where they work to establish a trusting relationship with victims.

MIRROR MINISTRIES

HUMAN TRAFFICKING SURVIVOR SERVICES (CONTINUED)

Mirror Ministries is available and has been utilized as a resource to law enforcement in Benton County and each city therein. Victims tend to respond better to an advocate that they can trust, and that trust takes time to build. This benefits the victim, as well as Law Enforcement. In 2017-2018, Mirror Ministries saw 30 of their clients make reports to Law Enforcement. Each victim's written statement, achieved through the relationship with the advocate, usually points to multiple traffickers who are trafficking multiple victims each. This evidence can be crucial for prosecutors to build strong cases against an otherwise hidden crime. This can result in more cases prosecuted and fewer criminals on our streets. Nine (9) of their clients have seen their cases go on to prosecution of the trafficker with more still in process.

Mirror Ministries is working alongside My Friend's Place, Benton and Franklin County Jails, Juvenile Justice Center, TC-UGM's Women's Shelter, You Medical, DSHS, Catholic Family, Detox, local schools, and dozens of other agencies to identify human trafficking victims among their clients and provide advocacy services. This extends the reach of their organizations and our outreach as we work together towards education, intervention, and restoration. Mirror Ministries partners with Center for Children and Youth Justice (CCYJ) for a CSE data collection resource for our community. Mirror Ministries is an active member of Tri-Cities Coalition Against Trafficking (TC-CAT), a local coalition consisting of law enforcement, legal system, and social service agencies. They are successfully connecting trafficking victims to local services to address their needs for housing, counseling, drug rehab, education, and parenting skills. They hear their clients talk about Hope, Healing, and Dreams of their future! This is success in this world.



Above: Mirror Ministries provides a music therapy class to their human trafficking survivors.



SAFE HARBOR/MY FRIENDS PLACE

EMERGENCY OVERNIGHT YOUTH SHELTER

Description	Budget	Expenditures	% Used
Emergency Overnight Youth Shelter	\$ 103,020	\$ 103,020	100%
Total	\$ 103,020	\$ 103,020	100%

In 2018 My Friends Place saw an increase of 62% in the number of homeless teens who used services or lived at the Shelter. Drop-in services for children still living on the street provided 316 drop-in nights in 2018. Of those 316 youth who used drop-in services, 44 youth resided full time at the shelter while staff worked on getting them back into school, and into what services were identified to address their individual needs.

My Friends Place had a 100% occupancy rate of 13-17 year old's. Of the 44 long-term residents, 19 self-identified as gang affiliated street youth upon their intake. This is a significant increase over the previous two years.

In 2018, the shelter had 5 youths graduate high school who were then able to secure housing once they aged out of the shelter. In 2018, 23 youths were able to be reunified with family, 2 emancipated, and 10 found employment. My Friends Place's goal is to have 100% of youth enrolled in school. Overall, they have a 91% success rate of enrolled youth.

Each year the number of affiliated gang involved clients continues to grow. This comes with its own challenges in additional trainings for staff as well as safety concerns of the other residents. Intensive case management is implemented to attempt to intervene in a life which has up until the time they come to the shelter been full of chaos and without structure.

My Friends Place continues to look for partnerships in the community to eliminate duplication of services, and works closely with law enforcement who continue to support efforts to keep these kids off of the streets. Every street youth brought off the street is a crime that is being prevented on a daily basis. Street youth are on the cusp of criminal activity every day they are living with no food or shelter. They are victims of crime or they commit crime in order to meet their needs.

Currently, partnerships include: Benton County Juvenile Justice Center, SARC, Mirror Ministries, Lutheran Social Services, all local police agencies, all area schools, CBC, WSU, Heritage University, all district McKinney Vento liaisons, Communities in Schools, DCYF, CPS, Benton County Health Department, BFHD Nurse Family Program, Housing Resource Center, Community Churches, Master Gardeners, Work source, Goodwill, The Soroptomist group, Catholic Charities, United Way, Leadership Tri-Cities, Just serve, Planned Parenthood, Jubilee, Somerset, CAC, You medical, ARC of Tri-Cities, Hope Medical, Lourdes Counseling and ReCon.

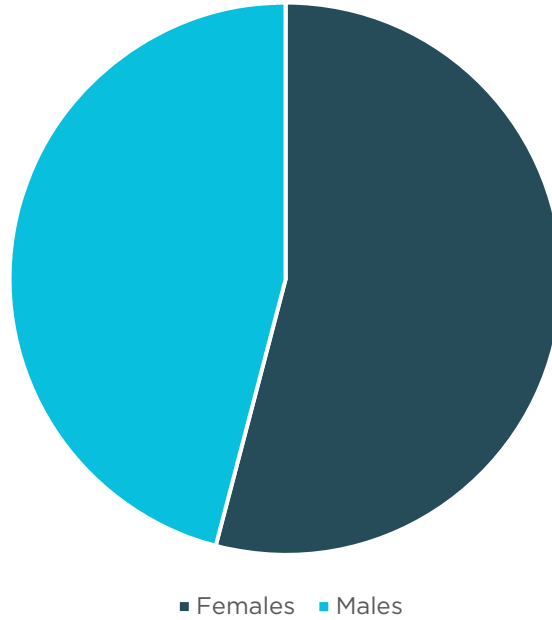
Food was the number one reason for increase in drop-ins, with over 13,000 meals served and rest, shelter, and a safe haven being the most used service. The drop-in population has increased as outreach grows. In 2018, My Friends Place's outreach included the homeless teen awareness walk, Heritage, CBC, and WSU Internships, all area hospitals, Kiwanis of Kennewick and West Richland, Girl Scouts, Goodwill, all area alternative high schools, Emerge, and Tag.

SAFE HARBOR/MY FRIENDS PLACE

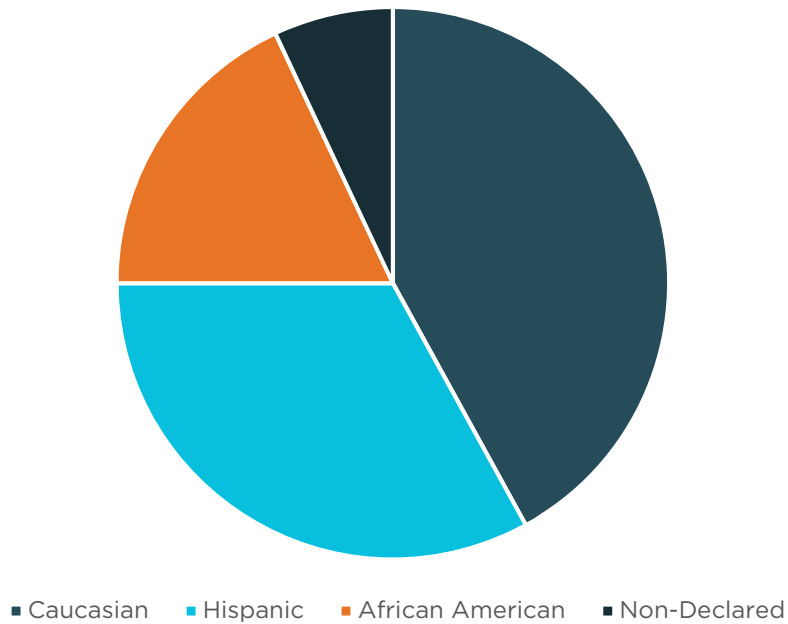
EMERGENCY OVERNIGHT YOUTH SHELTER (CONTINUED)

My Friends Place's main focus of outreach is street outreach where they enter the community every Monday to assist those in need with resources, food, blankets, and the offer of shelter if they are receptive. Many street youth need assurance that the facility is not a lock down and that expectations are easy to obtain once you commit to them.

2018 Youth Served: Gender Demographics



2018 Youth Served: Race Demographics



KIONA-BENTON CITY SCHOOL DISTRICT

CRIME PREVENTION PROGRAM

Description	Budget	Expenditures	% Used
2017 Kiona-Benton Crime Prevention Program	\$ 77,810	\$ 62,915	81%
Total	\$ 77,810	\$ 62,915	81%

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

2018 has continued the extraordinary progress made by the Kiona-Benton Crime Prevention Program as they 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. They have continued to intervene in the lives of young people who have or may soon drop out of school and help them get the community resources that they need to become a productive adult.

The success of this program at Kiona-Benton City High School prompted the middle and elementary schools in Benton City to adopt similar models for their struggling students. The impact of these programs are far reaching for students, parents and the community in general. In addition, the efforts of this funding 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, and the after-school CRE8 makerspace program.

STAFFING CHANGES

In 2018, the program had a transition in the student support specialist position with the resignation of Esmeralda Fernandez. She left the program in late summer 2018 and the District had to scramble to fill the position. They provided an opportunity to the current Student Achievement Specialist to take on the duties and responsibilities of the position and he said he would be excited to have the ability to do even more for the students. So, Agustin Tovar took over the responsibilities in September and has been doing a great job of helping their students.

STUDENT SUPPORT

The Kiona-Benton Crime Prevention Program has intervened in the lives of approximately 80 high school students through mentoring and linking appropriate community services, and has re-enrolled six (6) students who had previously dropped out and placed them in the ESD 123's Open Doors GED program. In addition, the program has sponsored the Strong Families Parenting Class (January - March 2018) to assist parents of students who are struggling.

Several different students who were identified as homeless have been given food items for weekends, transportation, clothing, and other necessary support to stay in school through Heather's Pantry and the Kiona-Benton City Title I Part A federal program. The District continues to have Girl's Circle - a gender specific program for adolescent girls to promote resiliency and self-esteem. Mr. Tovar has now started 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.

KIONA-BENTON CITY SCHOOL DISTRICT

CRIME PREVENTION PROGRAM (CONTINUED)

SPIN-OFF PROGRAMS

The success of this program has provided the District's other buildings with the opportunity to also do similar interventions. These programs help students who may have otherwise 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.

SUMMARY

The Kiona-Benton City School District is extremely grateful for the opportunity to participate in Benton County's violence prevention grant program because it has given them the chance to make a difference in the lives of young people that they previously did not have the resources to address.

While they might have eventually come up with the resources to establish programs like they have now, numerous students would have been missed that have now been served because of this funding. The District said they are pleasantly surprised that this program has had a synergistic effect on bringing other programs that bless the lives of underserved youth in Benton City, and expressed their sincere appreciation to the Benton County Commissioners and other officials and officers of Benton County in making this happen.



BENTON-FRANKLIN HEALTH DISTRICT

NURSE FAMILY PARTNERSHIP

Description	Budget	Expenditures	% Used
2017 Nurse Family Partnership Program	\$ 625,305	\$ 595,847	95%
Total	\$ 625,305	\$ 595,847	95%

BACKGROUND

Beginning with trust, ending with extraordinary outcomes, the Benton County Nurse-Family Partnership® program is a community health program that truly changes lives – for generations to come. Nurse Family Partnership® provides new moms with their own personal nurse, who can help them navigate those exhausting first few months and provide ongoing and medically accurate education. The nurse works with the family to improve pregnancy outcomes, improve child health and development and to improve their economic self-sufficiency. First-time moms who are pregnant 28 weeks or less, meet income requirements, and live in an applicable service area are eligible for free help from a personal nurse who will come to her home to offer advice, emotional support and a good laugh when she needs it most, throughout her pregnancy and until her baby is 2 years old.

Nurse Family Partnership® can change the future for the most vulnerable babies born into poverty by equipping the BEST person for the job, MOM, to become a competent confident parent. This intensive and scientifically proven program is delivered at the most critical time for mom and baby, by a specially trained clinical expert. Given 1000 days from early pregnancy to baby's second birthday, Nurse Family Partnership® will deliver a self-assured, capable first-time mother, a thriving baby poised for a bright future, and hundreds of thousands of dollars in societal benefits

HIGHLIGHTS

The area of Infant Mental Health was a focus of Benton County Nurse-Family Partnership. “Infant mental health” refers to how well a child develops socially and emotionally from birth to three. Understanding infant mental health is the key to preventing and treating the mental health problems of very young children and their families and helps guide the development of healthy social and emotional behaviors.

Marie Hutson, RN BSN nurse supervisor, received her endorsement from the Washington Association of Infant Mental Health as an Infant Family Specialist. The endorsement requires 30 hours of training in infant mental health topics and 25 hours of reflective supervision. In May, the team attended the Dr. Bruce Perry conference on childhood trauma “Working With Young Children and Families - How Understanding Development and Neurobiology Can Inform Your Practice”. In October, the team attended the “Fussy Baby FAN” (Facilitating Attuned Interactions) training with the ultimate goal of strengthening the provider-parent relationship, resulting in parents who are attuned to their children and ready to try new ways of relating to them. These trainings have helped inform our work with the clients, one on one reflective supervision time and team case conferences.

This year, the Nurse-Family Partnership National Service Office added a Fidelity Index Summary. Each model element is assigned a value which are added together to get the fidelity index. The Benton-Franklin Nurse-Family Partnership program earned a score of 89 out of a possible 100, which is the highest of NFP programs in Washington State.

BENTON-FRANKLIN HEALTH DISTRICT

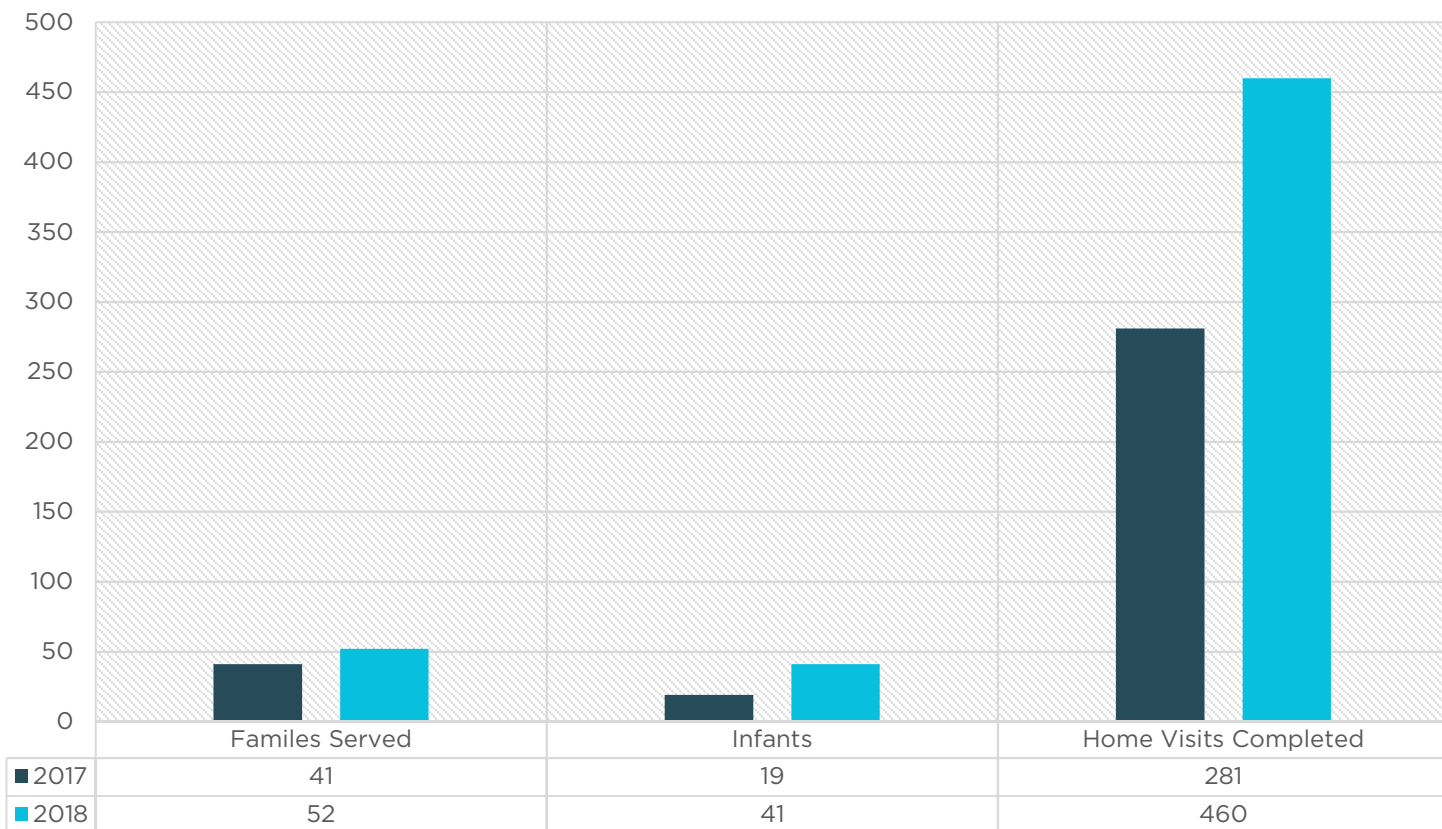
NURSE FAMILY PARTNERSHIP (CONTINUED)

DATA

Based on the research, out of the 69 moms who have been served by Benton County Nurse-Family Partnership, there should be:

- 41 less child arrests by age 15
- 42 less moms being arrested
- 33 fewer children who experience child abuse and neglect
- 27 fewer injuries among children
- 39 less emergency room visits for accidents and poisonings
- 35 fewer children with language delays at 21 months
- 46 fewer children with behavioral/intellectual problems by age six
- 22 more women able to plan their families and space out pregnancies
- 57 more moms working
- 14 moms off welfare
- 47 more households with a father's presence

Families Served: 2017 vs. 2018



PARTNERS FOR EARLY LEARNING

BUILDING RESILIENCE THROUGH FAMILY SUPPORT PROGRAM

Description	Budget	Expenditures	% Used
2017 Building Resilience Program	\$ 78,273	\$ 60,916	78%
Total	\$ 78,273	\$ 60,916	78%

SUMMARY

Building Resilience through Family Support is an 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 reserve left to demonstrate the ability to “bounce back” to their children. This is where one-to-one family intervention is key.

Believing that we are better together, Partners for Early Learning (PFEL) enlisted the partnership of key community agencies to serve 15 families in a home visit model for a period of 2 years. This maximized the use of all funds and demonstrated to our community the effectiveness of collaborative partnerships. Richland Schools offered key services of their school counselors and administrative staff to strengthen communication with and between selected families and the Home Visitor. The Communities in Schools Site Coordinator works closely to ensure these families basic needs are fulfilled. The National Office of the Children’s Reading Foundation offered the READY! for Kindergarten materials at a reduced rate, and the Children’s Reading Foundation of the Mid-Columbia provided books at no charge for families. PFEL hired a local independent contractor with a background in early learning to serve as the Home Visitor. As time went on, it was clear that additional funds were needed for learning materials and administrative costs. Through the support of United Way of Benton and Franklin Counties, additional funds for learning materials, interpreters, and administrative costs such as liability insurance were supported. United Way funds also allowed the project to fund one more enrollment slot, serving a total of 16 families.

Two distinct groups of families and program models were implemented during the 2017-2018 biennium. These corresponded closely with school years rather than calendar years. Each model will be described separately, with data points to summarize the first program model, serving families from February 2017-August 2018. The second program model began serving families in November 2018 with some curriculum and organizational changes.

MODEL 1 IMPLEMENTATION: FEBRUARY 2017 - AUGUST 2018

Families were invited to participate from two high-poverty schools in Richland (Marcus Whitman and Jefferson Elementary) and had one or more children in the birth-5 age range. Participants were referred by school staff or the Communities in Schools Site Coordinator as needing extra support for one of several reasons: attendance issues of school age siblings, behavioral support, a need for better home/school communication, and/or the child/children were English Language Learners.

PARTNERS FOR EARLY LEARNING

BUILDING RESILIENCE THROUGH FAMILY SUPPORT PROGRAM (CONTINUED)

MODEL 1 (CONTINUED)

Families were offered 3-4 home visits per month, with the Home Visitor utilizing the READY! for Kindergarten curriculum to strengthen school readiness skills, and the well-respected Love & Logic© Parenting education materials already offered throughout the Richland School District. Two developmental screeners, the Ages and Stages Questionnaire (ASQ) and the Ages and Stages Questionnaire: Social Emotional (ASQ:SE) were used at six month intervals to ensure children were gaining in skill and to document the need for referral to special education or mental health support as needed. Additional emphasis was given to the parent reading with the child at least 20 minutes per day. Impact to parents was tracked through surveys and a rating scale from the University of Idaho entitled Survey of Parenting Practice.©

SNAPSHOT OF MODEL 1 PARTICIPATING FAMILIES

In the first program model, 22 unique families were served for a total of 890 home visits. The range of absenteeism was from a low of 3% to a high of 166%. The families at the high end of absenteeism only remained enrolled for 2 or 3 months, as they were not available to participate fully. Fifty nine percent of the families, 13/22, had an attendance rate of 85% or more, speaking to their commitment and perceived value of the services given. Retention of families was very good, especially those that joined the project early, with 10 families enrolled for at least 16/19 months of the program. Our belief is that the high rate of completed home visits showed the strength of the relationship built between the families and the Home Visitor, as well as the resources provided. Of the 22 families enrolled, 17 self-identified as free/reduced lunch eligible. The ethnicity of families included 17 Caucasian-non Hispanic, 4 Hispanic, and one Other. Two families indicated that English was their second language. A total of 33 children, ages birth-5 years were enrolled, and an additional 38 school age children were impacted by services to the families.

RESULTS FROM MODEL 1

Surveys were given to document the perceived value of the program and increases in the parent's skill levels and comfort in becoming their child's best teacher. The first feedback tool used was a narrative response from the Survey of Parenting Practice. This 3 question survey was completed by 14 families in June 2017, after just a few months into the program. Responses indicated an overall positive impact from the home visits, with parents initially identifying new skills/ideas to teach their children and manage behavior. After a year in the program, or at program exit if sooner than one year, a rating scale from the same University of Idaho tool was completed by 13 enrolled families.

A locally created exit survey was completed by 8 parents still enrolled in the summer of 2018 as the program came to a close. Unfortunately, not all parents completed all surveys, so the data gives only a snapshot of the value of services. In general, parent's indicated greater feelings of competence in helping their child learn and recognizing their child as "smart". Several parents also mentioned appreciating the toys and materials given.

PARTNERS FOR EARLY LEARNING

BUILDING RESILIENCE THROUGH FAMILY SUPPORT PROGRAM (CONTINUED)

MODEL 2 IMPLEMENTATION: OCTOBER - DECEMBER 2018

Partners for Early Learning (PFEL) received continued funding for this program for the 2019-2020 biennium with some agreed upon organizational and curricular changes. Learning Games and the Creative Curriculum ©from Teaching Strategies, Inc. was chosen as the basis for home visits with families. The READY! materials previously used were created in a workshop format and did not transfer as easily to a home visit model as expected. Parenting Counts©, a research based parent education program from the Talaris Institute, will be use in place of Love and Logic© with a strong focus on children’s social-emotional development in the first 5 years. Parent-child reading will remain an emphasis, and the Survey of Parenting Practice© (UI) will be used to gather information about impact on parent behaviors. The ASQ© and ASQ: SE© will remain as developmental screeners with referrals made to early intervention as needed.

In Model 2, the number of families served was 32, with 8 families enrolled from each of 4 high-poverty schools in Richland; Marcus Whitman, Jefferson, Sacagawea, and Lewis & Clark Elementary. There are two Home Visitors rather than just one, and a Program Coordinator to ensure consistency throughout the program and to act as a trainer and resource for the Home Visitors. Partnerships with Richland School District, Communities In Schools, United Way, and the Mid-Columbia Reading Foundation remain a vital part of the program. Enrollment of families has begun slowly, with the first home visits made in the month of November.

November and December were heavy training and recruitment months. Most of our schools had administration, counselling and Communities in Schools changes and families were slow in getting on board. The month was spent training our new home visitors and designing the matrix of curriculum that will be used in 2019 and beyond. Consumables and books were ordered in preparation for the January influx of families. Since one of the major goals of the new model is to create a duplicable model, it was time well spent.

CHAPLAINCY HEALTH CARE

STEP UP PROGRAM

Description	Budget	Expenditures	% Used
2017 Step Up Program	\$ 15,000	\$ 9,647	64%
Total	\$ 15,000	\$ 9,647	64%

This report reflects the first 2-years for Chaplaincy Behavioral Health to provide a Step-Up program to Benton County juveniles and their families in close collaboration with the Benton-Franklin Juvenile Center. Step-Up is a nationally recognized adolescent-family violence intervention program originally developed and implemented in King County, Washington.

Step-Up is designed to address youth violence and controlling behavior toward family members and to be an instrument for crime prevention. Violent behavior includes gang involvement, threats, intimidation, property destruction, degrading language and physical violence. The parents of kids referred to Step-Up have lost parental authority and cannot positively direct their child's behavior. Unable to manage their child's life, the families relinquish authority of to the streets, the gangs, and the courts. This results in a huge social cost to the community, puts stress on social service agencies, schools, and criminal justice systems. Family life is characterized by chaos including frequent police interactions, school truancy, violence and criminal behavior.

The goal of Step-Up is for adolescents and their families to be reconnected in mutually respectful and secure ways so that the youth are able to function as responsible community citizens and complete their developmental and educational goals. The curriculum is condensed from 25 sessions to 11 in order to make the program accessible to working families, and family systems unused to planning more than a few days in advance. Referrals came from the Juvenile Courts and probation officers, and schools.

The second year of the program, (2018) saw significant growth in referrals, partnerships, and changes in staffing. First, an improved partnership was created with the Juvenile Diversion Unit of Benton County. Youths charged with crimes appropriately treated by Step-Up were given the option of a Diversion Alternative Agreement (DAA). A Diversion Alternative Agreement (DAA) gives the Prosecuting Attorney latitude to create a contract with the youth and family to complete Step-Up as part of a way to reduce or suspend charges. This generated referrals and gave Step-Up some muscle.

A second impact to referrals was a staffing change. An important part of Step-Up is the steady outreach performed by the Community Liaison. The Community Liaison reaches out to the broader community, providing education and awareness about the Step-Up intervention program. Jesse Campos, a gang specialist, did the heavy lifting in this area for 2017 and most of 2018. But when Jesse started his own version of Homeboy Industries to help retrain former gang members, we were fortunate to find Robert Ascencio. Robert is an ex-Marine, a Fire-Fighter with Benton County Fire District 1, bi-lingual and a graduate of the USC school of social work with his M.S.W. He is completing his hours to be a Licensed Clinical Social Worker at Lutheran Social Services and Grace Clinic. Robert has joined Teresa Avalos to help co-facilitate groups and he is helping generate referrals to Step-Up through the other agencies with which he interacts.

CHAPLAINCY HEALTH CARE

STEP UP PROGRAM (CONTINUED)

Not all of our targets were met in 2017-2018. Step-Up was not able to serve as many families as hoped. This is partly due to the time needed to develop awareness, slow referrals as the program started up, and due to the number of youths who did not graduate from the 11-week program. However, the key performance expectations were exceeded. For example, the target number of graduates was (8), which Step-Up exceeded by 4 graduates totaling (12). At the 4-month follow-up survey, 4 families either could no longer be contacted or did not return calls and personal contacts. While 7 out of 12 surveys returned completed (approximately 60% return rate), we can verify that of those graduated, none of the youth have been rearrested in Benton County.

Target Behavior	Measurable Goal	Outcome
Number of program graduates	8	12
Number of new youth participants	35	24
Number of youth served	25	24
Number of family members served	35	28
Psychological assessments completed	45	25
Surveys sent vs. surveys returned	8 sent, 8 returned	12 sent, 7 returned
Incidents of defiance and disrespect	Reduce from daily to 1 per month	11 out of 12 reduced to 1 per month
Incidents of police involvement	Reduce from weekly to 0 per month	0 police encounters for 7 graduates
Incidents of truancy, running away, breaking curfew	Reduce from weekly to 0 per month	0 incidents of running away or breaking curfew. 1 participant dropped out of school, 4 graduated
Gang activity, association, interaction	Reduce from weekly to 0 per month	0 association or interaction with gangs
Incidents of incarceration	0 incidents at 4-month follow-up	Of 7 surveys returned, 0 incarcerated



Step Up Wheels of Respect and Disrespect



Step Up Group Meeting Room

BOYS & GIRLS CLUB

PROSSER TEEN PROGRAM INVESTMENT

Description	Budget	Expenditures	% Used
2017 Prosser Teen Program	\$ 90,000	\$ 80,648	90%
Total	\$ 90,000	\$ 80,648	90%

The Prosser teen program was at maximum capacity at the end of 2017, so we shifted our focus from recruitment to retention. The Boys & Girls Club is able to make the most difference when kids attend consistently, multiple days per week. Our Club's programs always focus on the priority outcomes of academic success, healthy lifestyles, good character and citizenship. We wanted to ensure that the programs we were utilizing were having the most impact on teens.

Our teens are greatly benefiting from CareerLaunch, an academic success program. CareerLaunch encourages Club members ages 12 to 18 to assess their skills and interests, explore careers, make sound educational decisions and prepare to join the work force. Our teens are especially enjoying Career Days, which take place bi-weekly. On these days, 12-15 teens visit different types of companies and businesses to learn about the job opportunities offered. In 2018, youth visited the City Council, Principles Office, Electrical Union, Carpenter's Union, USPS, and more.

Cooking Club is our teen's favorite healthy lifestyles program. Cooking Club is so popular that multiple groups have been created to accommodate the interest. This program is typically ran once per week, but we have decided to run the program twice each week at the urging of our members. Our teens learn different cooking methods while also focusing on choosing healthy, nutritionally complete ingredients. Teens are enjoying cooking for other Club members and their families. It is a wonderful program that is also helping to enforce the family atmosphere of the Club.

Good character and citizenship is the priority outcome that our teens most excel in. Teens love getting out into the community to give back. We have a very active Keystone Club whose purpose is positively impact teens, their Club and their local communities. Our teen members are expected to volunteer at least once a month, but most look forward to volunteering each week. Members can often seen shoveling snow for the elderly, visiting assisted living centers, or running activities at the school fair.

A leadership program that has been hugely successful in the Prosser teen program is Youth of the Year. Youth of the Year is our signature effort to foster a new generation of leaders, fully prepared to live and lead in a diverse, global and integrated world economy. The title of Youth of the Year is the highest honor a Boys & Girls Club member can receive. In 2018, the Boys & Girls Club of Benton and Franklin Counties Youth of the Year was Zane Castilleja, a Prosser teen member. He competed against other youth across the state to win the title of Washington State Youth of the Year. In the past 8 years, three of the state Youth of the Year winners have been from our Prosser Clubhouse.

BOYS & GIRLS CLUB

PROSSER TEEN PROGRAM INVESTMENT (CONTINUED)

The Benton County Public Safety Tax Award is contributing to amazing outcomes for our Prosser teens. Data collected from 2018 show:

- Over 85% of low-income Club members ages 12 to 17 who attend the Prosser Club regularly reported receiving mostly As and Bs, compared to 69 percent of their peers nationally.
- 91% of fifth through 12th graders who attend the Prosser Club regularly are on track for on-time high school graduation.
- 80% of Prosser Club members in ninth through 12th grades reported avoiding key health-risk behaviors, such as drinking alcohol or smoking marijuana or cigarettes.
- 71% of Prosser teen members report being physically active for a total of at least 60 minutes on 5 or more days each week.
- 93% Prosser teens report that they know at least one adult Club staff who always wants me to do my best.
- Over 70% of Prosser Club teens volunteer at least once per month.

We are proud of the outcomes this partnership is providing and know that the positive impacts stretch beyond our Clubhouse to the health of our communities.



Career Day



Prosser Teen Program Members



A member of the Prosser Teen Program was named WA state Youth of the Year