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FY '24 Q4 of MONSE's Securing Year

In Quarter 4 of its Securing Year, the Mayor's Office of Neighborhood Safety and Engagement (MONSE) continues to prioritize the co-production of public safety with and for Baltimore as outlined in the City's comprehensive public safety strategy. As MONSE closes out the Comprehensive Violence Prevention Plan's (CVPP) Securing Year, the agency has built out the systems and staffing capacity necessary to both provide proof-of-concept and transition initial pilot programs toward full implementation.

Agency Formation and Hiring

This quarter, the Mayor's Office of Neighborhood Safety and Engagement onboarded staff in the following roles across the agency:

- Grants Coordinator;
- Baltimore City Visitation Center Administrative Assistant.

Major milestones for the agency during this period include:

- [Expanded the Group Violence Reduction Strategy \(GVRS\) to its 4th district](#), the Eastern District;
- Finalized a memorandum of understanding with the Mayor's Office of Employment Development to support a Transitional Employment program for GVRS participants, as well as other MONSE referrals;
- Released the [Biennial Update of the Mayor's Comprehensive Violence Prevention Plan](#);
- [Launched the Summer Youth Engagement strategy](#) in partnership with the Mayor's Office and Baltimore City Recreation and Parks.

MONSE Quarterly Updates - By Lane

Gun Violence Prevention

MONSE's Gun Violence Prevention team develops and implements strategies to shift the culture of gun violence in Baltimore City, with a focus on partnerships and coordination both with fellow City agencies, national organizations, and local stakeholders. MONSE engages high-risk communities in the pursuit of prevention and intervention in violence that could result in a shooting or homicide.

In this quarter, MONSE's Gun Violence Prevention team:

- Continued the Safe Streets hiring sprint across all ten sites, resulting in 9 new hires;
- Expanded GVRS into BPD's Eastern District;
- Announced major GVRS takedowns at Longwood-North Ave-Dukeland & Morrell Park on April 15;
- Finalized the Youth Ambassador Leadership Academy (YALA) contract to support life coaching for the School Based Violence Intervention Pilot;
- Finalized Johns Hopkins Hospital Based Violence Intervention Program Contract;
- Kicked off Safe Streets [fourth annual Safe Summer](#) on May 25;
- Held Safe Streets Rally on May 21, bringing all 10 Safe Streets sites together to spread the program's message to Stop Shooting, Start Living and mobilize resources for the communities surrounding Carroll Park;
- Began recruitment for two additional GVRS Managers to support strategy expansion.

Victim Services

Every shooting and violent incident leaves behind a web of trauma – for the victim, as well as bystanders, families, neighbors, and even the perpetrators of violence.

MONSE's Victim Services team has laid a foundation for intentional coordination with a trauma-informed approach, which is now supported by a fully-staffed lane.

In this quarter, MONSE's Victim Services team:

- Hosted meetings with all Hospital Based Violence Intervention institutions to foster stronger relationships, better victim services collaboration, and discuss ways to improve responses to intimate partner violence;
- Attended the 2024 Maryland Crime Victims Conference hosted by GOCPP;
- Participated in several events in recognition of Sexual Assault Awareness Month:
 - The Start Over Story Workshop;
 - Seeing and Serving Survivors of Human Trafficking;
 - Denim Day;
 - Kicking Assault to the Curb;
- Participated in several events in recognition of Pride Month;

- Met with John Hopkins University School of Nursing to discuss strategies to enhance the consistency and effectiveness of the use of risk assessments and screening for IPV;
- Met with Guatemalan Consulate of Maryland to discuss anti-human trafficking efforts.

Community Engagement and Opportunity

Dedicated to the co-production of public safety in all of Baltimore’s neighborhoods, the Community Engagement and Opportunity team partners with residents, community-based organizations, institutions, businesses, and City agencies to stem the tide of violence, while simultaneously unearthing its root causes.

This team leads the agency’s collaborative efforts in youth justice, re-entry, community healing, social and emotional development, coordinated neighborhood stabilization response, and other associated work.

MONSE’s Community Engagement and Opportunity team has accomplished the following this quarter:

- Coordinated Neighborhood Stabilization Responses:
 - 3200-3400 Greenmount – proactive CNSR to address littering and concerns with illegal drug sales in the community;
 - Mondawmin – resource fairs held on a weekly basis every Friday;
 - 900 N Dukeland – reactive CNSR following a shooting on May 25, 2024 that tragically took the life of a 17-year-old boy and injured another 15-year-old;
- Attended bill signing supporting the creation of the Office of Returning Citizens, to be housed within MONSE;
- Hosted Re-entry Action Council meeting at the War Memorial on April 25;
- Led cross-agency planning for the 2024 Brooklyn Healing and Wellness Day;
- Went behind the wall monthly to conduct safe return planning for Returning Citizens Behind the Wall participants.

Policy and Research

MONSE's Policy and Research team is also responsible for developing and pushing Mayor Scott's legislative agenda as it relates to public safety. This team is also home to the agency's in-house data capacity.

MONSE's Policy and Research team has accomplished the following this quarter:

- Attended and participated in the City Council hearing on Crime Reduction and Violence Prevention with a focus on dirt bikes on April 10;
- Hosted a Criminal Justice Coordinating Council meeting on April 11 to discuss auto theft and home monitoring;
- Hosted a Criminal Justice Coordinating Council meeting on June 28 to discuss youth violence, returning citizens, and the ongoing opioid litigation;
- Finalized Citation Docket MOU agreement with the State's Attorney's Office;
- Participated in a meeting between the Medical Subcommittee of the Trauma-Informed Care Task Force and the MONSE team to discuss a proposal for trauma-informed care training in hospitals.

Finance

The Finance team ensures that MONSE has the necessary funding to support the agency's work associated with implementation of the CVPP and the work of community-based organizations and service providers. This team works to expand the potential network of funding available for neighborhood safety.

This team provides programmatic and fiscal management of the grants that support community-based organizations and service providers; manages the contracts and fiscal needs of MONSE; works with the City's Procurement Office, Chief Solicitor, Audits Office, and Board of Estimates to ensure all contracts are being executed properly; and identifies and compiles potential funding for immediate and future support.

MONSE's Finance team has accomplished the following this quarter:

- Finalized agency FY25 budget with BBMR.

Grants and Contracting

MONSE received Board of Estimates (BOE) approval for the following contracts, grant award acceptances, and agreements:

April 3, 2024

- **Governor's Office of Crime Control and Prevention – \$720,694 (Term: 10/1/23-6/30/24).** *MONSE requested that the Board approve an award / acceptance from the Governor's Office of Crime Control and Prevention via the Victims of Crime grant to support MONSE's victim services' team staff and its services.*
- **We Our Us – \$250,000 (Term: 7/1/23-6/30/24).** *MONSE requested the Board approve a correction to a Grant Agreement with We Our Us Unity Engagement Men's Movement Incorporated between Grace City Church, Inc. for the Spend Category.*
- **University of Baltimore – \$134,433 (Term: 7/1/23-6/30/24).** *MONSE requested the Board to approve a First Amendment to Grant Agreement with The University of Baltimore. The goal of this project is to retroactively amend the original agreement to extend its term to enable the provider additional time to finalize disbursements of the grant funds up through and including June 30, 2024. This original agreement was to support the development of the Conflict Mediation Program for Community Violence Intervention employees.*
- **The Foundation 4 Change, Inc. – \$50,000 (Term: 10/1/23-6/30/24).** *MONSE requested the Board to approve a Grant Agreement Award with The Foundation 4 Change, Inc. The goal of this project is to provide support in programming that offers young people suspected of certain unlawful behaviors a meaningful opportunity to avoid the harms of the justice system for the SideStep Pre-Arrest Remote Diversion Program.*
- **Asylee Women Enterprise, Inc. – \$25,000 (Term: 10/1/23-6/30/24).** *MONSE requested the Board to approve a Subrecipient Grant Agreement with Asylee Women Enterprise, Inc. The goal of this project is to support asylum seekers, foreign-born trafficking survivors, and other migrants as they navigate the immigration legal process, heal from past trauma, and rebuild their lives in Maryland.*
- **Drink at the Well, Inc. – \$25,000 (Term: 10/1/23-6/30/24).** *MONSE requested the Board to approve a Subrecipient Grant Agreement Drink at the Well, Inc. The goal of this project is to offer resources in relation to Anti-Human Trafficking, host annual events, positively impact families, and offer employment through Hon's Honey.*

April 17, 2024

- **Fusion Partnerships, Inc. (Fiscal Sponsor for Baltimore Youth Arts) – \$50,000 (Term: 10/1/23-6/30/24).** *MONSE requested the Board to approve a Grant Agreement with Fusion Partnerships, Inc. The goal of this project is to provide programming that offers young people suspected of certain unlawful behaviors a meaningful opportunity to avoid the harms of the justice system for the SideStep Pre-Arrest Remote Diversion Program.*

May 1, 2024

- **House of Ruth Gateway – \$100,000 (Term: 1/1/24-1/11/25).** *MONSE requested the Board to approve a Grant Agreement with House of Ruth Gateway. This project is to engage abusive partners in a change process. The program taps into participants' own experiences of oppression and abuse to help them develop empathy for their partners and children.*
- **Johns Hopkins Hospital – \$250,000 (Term: 7/1/23-9/30/24).** *MONSE requested the Board to approve a Grant Agreement with the Johns Hopkins Hospital, Inc. The goal of this project is to utilize Community Violence Intervention Hospital Responders to reduce readmission of patients with a violence-related injury, especially gun-related injuries, and to assist patients with access to wrap-around services.*
- **City of Refuge Baltimore, Inc. – \$50,000 (Term: 10/1/23-6/30/24).** *MONSE requested the Board to approve an Anti-Human Trafficking Grant Agreement with the City of Refuge Baltimore, Inc. The goal of this project is to provide vulnerable and exploited women with compassion and resources to emerge healthy and self-sufficient. City of Refuge's Rapha program will build strong communities of resilient women by building relationships of trust and accountability, lowering barriers to information and services, and creating opportunities for individuals to find greater internal and external stability in their lives.*
- **Holistic Life Foundation, Inc. – \$25,000 (Term: 1/1/24-6/30/24).** *MONSE requested the Board to approve a Grant Agreement with Holistic Life Foundation Inc. The goal of this project is to provide programming that offers young people suspected of certain unlawful behaviors a meaningful opportunity to avoid the harms of the justice system for the SideStep Pre-Arrest Remote Diversion Program.*
- **House of Ruth Maryland – \$999,900 (Term: 7/1/23-6/30/25).** *MONSE requested the Board to approve a Grant Agreement with the House of Ruth Maryland, Inc. The goal of this project is to support the operations of an 84-bed shelter that is a safe, supportive, temporary refuge for battered women and their children who are in immediate danger or at risk of homicide. Funding helps*

women living in the shelter begin recovery from the trauma of their partner's violence and rebuild their lives.

- **HER Resiliency Center, Inc. – \$25,000 (Term: 10/1/23-6/30/24).** *MONSE requested the Board to approve a Grant Agreement with HER Resiliency Center, Inc. The goal of this project is to provide trauma-informed, wrap-around, and intensive support (case management) and trauma based skill development workshops to females identifying as victims of human trafficking, and those currently engaging in survival based sex work to reduce vulnerability of sex trafficking through the Road Map to Success program.*
- **Patricia's Place, Inc. – \$50,000 (Term: 1/1/24-6/30/24).** *MONSE requested the Board to approve a Grant Agreement with Patricia's Place, Inc. The goal of this project is to provide programming that offers young people suspected of certain unlawful behaviors a meaningful opportunity to avoid the harms of the justice system for the SideStep Pre-Arrest Remote Diversion Program.*
- **The Salvation Army, Inc. – \$50,000 (Term: 10/1/23-6/30/24).** *MONSE requested the Board to approve an Anti-Human Trafficking Grant Agreement with the Salvation Army, Inc. The goal of this project is to provide support for The Salvation Army's Catherine's Cottage Emergency Housing for Survivors of Human Trafficking; a program that focuses on direct support services.*
- **Harbel Community Organization, Inc. – \$150,000 (Term: 5/1/24-4/30/25).** *MONSE requested the Board to approve a Grant Agreement with the Harbel Community Organization, Inc. The goal of this project is to provide prevention and alternatives to incarceration for adolescents. The objective is to provide a safe environment in which youth can heal and become whole and move the needle against the tide for youth justice in Baltimore City by effectively decreasing the number of youths entering long-term incarceration.*
- **Turnaround, Inc. – \$25,000 (Term: 10/1/23-6/30/24).** *MONSE requested the Board to approve an Anti-Human Trafficking Grant Agreement with Turnaround, Inc. The goal of this project is to use an intensive case management approach with trafficking survivors to maximize the individuals' wellbeing and long-term stability. Funding helps strengthen existing programming to continue to meet the community needs and enhance ability to provide services.*

May 15, 2024

- **Camp Opportunity, Inc. – \$60,000 (Term: 08/31/23-6/01/24).** *MONSE requested the Board to approve a Grant Agreement with Camp Opportunity, Inc. The goal of this project is to empower abused and neglected children through a transformative overnight summer camp experience and year-round programming.*
- **Delaware-Maryland Synod of the Evangelical Lutheran Church in America – \$50,000 (Term: 07/01/24-6/30/25).** *MONSE requested the Board to approve a*

Grant Agreement with Delaware-Maryland Synod of the Evangelical Lutheran Church in America. The goal of this project is to engage with 50 individuals who have been made most vulnerable -- including LGBTQ+ community members, squeegee workers, low- and no-income people, those working in street economies.

- **Camp Opportunity, Inc. – \$45,000 (Term: 08/31/23-6/01/24).** *MONSE requested the Board to approve a Grant Agreement with Camp Opportunity, Inc. The goal of this project is to empower abused and neglected children through a transformative overnight summer camp experience and year-round programming.*
- **Challenge 2 Change, Inc. and Fusion Partnerships, Inc. – \$225,000 (Term: 1/1/24-12/31/24).** *MONSE requested the Board to approve a Grant Agreement with Challenge 2 Change, Inc. and Fusion Partnerships, Inc. The goal of this project is to empower Baltimore City youth and young adults through leadership building, life skills, conflict resolution, workforce development, violence and gun prevention, arts, STEM, and character development, with an emphasis on Social Emotional Learning.*
- **Baltimore Crisis Response, Inc. – \$200,000 (Term: 7/1/23-6/30/24).** *MONSE requested the Board to approve a Grant Agreement with Baltimore Crisis Response, Inc. The goal of this project is to implement the Firearm Violence Prevention Navigator Pilot, which aims to assist clinicians and crisis response providers with tools, particularly Extreme Risk Protective Orders, for reducing firearm access among patients and/or clients who are at risk of suicide.*
- **The Nolita Project, Inc. – \$25,000 (Term: 1/1/24-6/30/24).** *MONSE requested the Board to approve a Grant Agreement with the Nolita Project, Inc. The goal of this project is to provide support in programming that offers young people suspected of certain unlawful behaviors a meaningful opportunity to avoid the harms of the justice system for the Sidestep Pre-Arrest Remote Diversion Program.*
- **Metro Crime Stoppers, Inc. – \$100,000 (Term: 7/1/23-6/30/24).** *MONSE requested the Board to approve a Grant Agreement with Metro Crime Stoppers, Inc. The goal of this project is to establish a Reward Bonus Program in which rewards will be paid out to tipsters that provide information that leads to the recovery of an illegal firearm, and/or the arrest and charges filed for felony firearm offenses, violent felony offenses and homicides.*
- **Roca Baltimore, LLC. – \$136,000 (Term: 8/31/23-6/1/24).** *MONSE requested the Board to approve a Grant Agreement with Roca Baltimore, LLC. The goal of this project is to provide support and resources for GVRs participants and their families, as they work to develop employment skills while meeting basic needs through programming in Baltimore City. Roca will utilize funds from this grant to provide young people living at the center of urban violence with critical tools and*

supports to help them address critical basic needs and support their pathway to education and employment.

- **Michele's Haven, C.D.C., Inc. – \$25,000 (Term: 5/15/24-5/14/25).** *MONSE requested the Board to approve a Grant Agreement with Michele's Haven, C.D.C., Inc. The goal of this project is to enrich the local communities by providing unparalleled and inclusive educational, health and wellness by providing outreach/referral and reentry services to promote physical, spiritual, social, mental and emotional health. Michele's Haven will work to reduce recidivism by connecting reentry clients to community resources.*

June 5, 2024

- **Youth Advocate Programs, Inc. – \$0 (Term: 7/1/22-6/30/25).** *MONSE requested the Board to approve a First Amendment to an Agreement with Youth Advocate Programs, Inc. The goal of this amendment is to allow a no-cost extension, extending the agreement through 6/30/25.*
- **National League of Cities Institute – \$0 (Term: 6/5/24-9/30/24).** *MONSE requested the Board to Memorandum of Understanding with the National League of Cities Institute. The goal of this project is to adjust the termination date of the MOU, disbursement date for the second and final payment, and modify the submission due dates for the required narrative and financial reports.*
- **Mercy Medical Center – \$50,000 (Term: 10/1/23-6/30/24).** *MONSE requested the Board to approve a Grant Agreement with Mercy Medical Center. The goal of this project is, through education, law enforcement training and media, to raise awareness of human trafficking while servicing victims with crisis counseling, safety planning, and providing resources through needs assessments via Mercy Medical Center's "Blue Dot Initiative."*
- **Baltimore Civic Fund, Inc. – \$0 (Term: 12/1/21-12/31/26).** *MONSE requested the Board to approve an amendment extending the time of an ARPA Grant Agreement with Baltimore Civic Fund, Inc. for Community Moral Voice Stipend payments. This will extend the termination date from December 1, 2024 to December 31, 2026 as well as amend the Scope of Program.*
- **Youth Ambassador Leadership Academy, LLC – \$450,000 (Term: 1/1/24-9/30/24).** *MONSE requested the Board to approve a Provider Agreement with Youth Ambassador Leadership Academy, LLC (YALA). The goal of this project is for Youth Ambassador Leadership Academy, LLC (YALA), to provide life coaching services at Edmondson Westside High School and Carver Vocational School as part of a school-based violence intervention pilot program. In step with MONSE's comprehensive violence prevention plan, the YALA will provide interventions when conflicts and violence arise in school and target at-risk students for linkage with services.*

- **Mayor’s Office of Children and Family Success – \$244,000 (Term: 6/5/24-6/30/25).** *MONSE requested the Board to approve an ARPA Interagency Subgrant Agreement with the Mayor’s Office of Children Family and Success. This agreement will support project management of intensive case management of high-risk youth ages 7-21, connecting the youth and their family to programming and resources, and child fatality review in Baltimore City.*

June 26, 2024

- **Let’s Thrive Baltimore, Inc. – \$100,000 (Term: 1/19/24-1/18/25).** *MONSE requested the Board to approve a Grant Agreement with Let’s Thrive Baltimore, Inc. The goal of this project is to provide community violence intervention.*
- **Baltimore City Health Department – \$150,000 (Term: 1/1/24-6/30/24).** *MONSE requested the Board to approve a Memorandum of Understanding with the Baltimore City Health Department (BCHD). The award supports BCHD’s existing school-based violence prevention work in Baltimore City schools.*