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FY23 Q3 of MONSE's Framing Year

In Quarter 3 of its Framing Year, MONSE has made great strides in continuing to implement Baltimore's comprehensive public safety strategy. From further expanding victim services to streamlining community-based funding protocols to increase the capacity of community-based organizations to play a role in the work of violence prevention, including executing contracts for Community Violence Intervention ecosystem service providers, MONSE remains rooted in community-based, holistic solutions.

Agency Formation and Hiring

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

- **Victim Services Associate Director**
- **Community Engagement & Opportunity Associate Director**
- **Policy & Research Associate Director**
- **Strategic Communications Manager**

MONSE Quarterly Updates - By Lane

Gun Violence Prevention

MONSE's Gun Violence Prevention team develops strategies to shift the culture of gun violence in Baltimore City, with a focus on partnerships and coordination. 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:

- Successfully launched the Group Violence Reduction Strategy in Baltimore's Southwestern District, including completing necessary trainings as well as combining shooting reviews for the Western and Southwestern Districts.
- Completed the transition of all 10 Safe Streets Baltimore sites from eight community-based administrators to two: Catholic Charities and Lifebridge Health's Center for Hope.

- Convened the first meeting of the Community Violence Intervention Advisory Board.
- Participated in the Bureau of Justice Assistance National Training and Technical Assistance Center Community Based Violence Intervention and Prevention Initiative Grantee Conference in St. Louis.
- Participated in the National League of Cities (NLC) Mayoral Network on Community Safety & Violence Prevention in Newark, NJ.
- Finalized the scope of work on District Action Team (DAT) integration and continued integration of Western and Southwestern District Baltimore City Intelligence Centers (BCIC), and Neighborhood Coordination Officers (NCO) into service request management, direct communications and enforcement.
- Conducted the first dual approach response with group-involved students at Patterson High School following the death of Izaiah Carter.

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:

- Hired and onboarded a Victim Services Associate Director.
- Testified before the City Council for Committee Hearing: Violence Against Women- An Overlooked Public Health Crisis;
- Finalized draft training plan for IPV stakeholders for TA provider consideration for 2023;
- Conducted IPV Prevention and LGBTQ+ presentation to Springboard Community Services;
- IPV Prevention staff received Educator Certification training from the One Love Foundation;
- Invited by the Center for Court Innovation (CCI) to participate in the creation of a training video to be used in the onboarding of new and existing site project directors seeking information, tools and tips;

- Two team members graduated from the Roper Victim's Assistance Academy of MD (RVAAM).
- Completed Maryland Network Against Domestic Violence (MNADV) IPV Advocacy training;
- Co-hosted Maryland Human Trafficking Investigators Seminar on 3/7-3/10.

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:

- Hired and onboarded a Community Engagement and Opportunity Associate Director and Re-Entry Coordinator.
- Finalized the selection of an academic evaluation partner for the SideStep Youth Diversion (pre-arrest) initiative, which was piloted in the Western District in 2022 and will be scaled citywide in 2023.
- Conducted a Coordinated Neighborhood Stabilization Response in Edmondson Village.
- Hosted a Resource Fair for Edmondson Village Community for students, parents, and community members at the Westside Skills Center.
- Participated in the Fayette Street Outreach Neighborhood Cleanup Initiative.
- Hosted the agency's first Narcan training for City Hall employees.
- Finalized MOU modifications for Returning Citizens Behind the Wall Initiative.

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 will also be home to the agency's in-house data capacity, which will be stood up in the next quarter.

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

- Hired and onboarded a Policy and Research Associate Director.
- Officially launched Baltimore's first-ever Public Safety Accountability Dashboard. The Dashboard is a data tool designed to provide greater levels of transparency and allow the public to hold agencies accountable for executing agreed upon strategies and identifying best practices for measuring effectiveness of the administration's public safety efforts.
- Integrated Victim Services case management with Coordinated Neighborhood Stabilization Response.
- Testified in the Maryland General Assembly in support of HB974 - Establishment of a Gun Violence Victim Relocation Program.
- Testified in the Maryland General Assembly in support of SB788 - Reforming Victim Compensation in Maryland.
- Participated in City Council Public Safety & Government Operations (PSGO) March 8 hearing on coordination between BPD, SAO, Circuit Court, and MONSE.

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:

- Hired and onboarded a Grant Writer.
- 39 agreements or award acceptances were submitted to and approved by the BOE on behalf of MONSE, totaling \$3,877,869;
- Announced the 5th round of ARPA award recipients, including five grantees receiving \$900,000 in total.
- Facilitated a community grant reviewer meeting to make recommendations for SideStep competitive grant awardees.
- Announced the eight community based organizations selected to receive grants to serve as service providers related to the SideStep youth diversion program.
- Submitted a FY24 Safe Streets Baltimore grant application for Community Violence Intervention.
- Submitted a FY24 Community Grant Program Fund grant application for Victim Services.

ARPA Violence Prevention Investment

MONSE is dedicated to the co-production of public safety in all of Baltimore’s neighborhoods, through partnerships with Baltimore’s residents, community-based organizations, institutions, businesses, and agencies to stem the tide of violence, while simultaneously unearthing its root causes.

Mayor Scott announced \$50 million in American Rescue Plan Act (ARPA) funding over the next three years to MONSE to fund violence prevention efforts, including community violence intervention, victim services, youth justice, re-entry, and community healing. This investment will support essential components of the Group Violence Reduction Strategy (GVRS), expand Baltimore's Community Violence Intervention (CVI) ecosystem and victim services, and fund re-entry programs and trauma-informed practices.

Between January 1, 2023 - March 31, 2023, MONSE made the following funding announcements:

Announced	Organization	Grant Amount	Strategy
MONSE Competitive Grant Portal Applicants			

02/17/23	Each Teach Inc.	\$50,000.00	Re-Entry -Each Teach's services involve evidence and community-informed culturally adaptive practices that promote equity, healing, and other restorative justice principles necessary to address historical trauma and systemic injustices disproportionately experienced by marginalized groups of people. The program partners with existing workforce development programs in Baltimore City to support their participants with marginalized backgrounds receive targeted and equitable workforce development services.
02/17/23	Charm City Care Connection	\$50,000.00	Community Healing - The Harm Reduction and Anti-Oppression Leadership Training program is geared towards healing individuals who daily encounter the harms of violence-induced trauma, drug use, homelessness, incarceration, and poor peer support. In this program, our trainees participate in various healing workshops that focus on personal success planning, anger management, conflict-resolution, trauma/crisis management, healthy relationship building, and self-advocacy.
02/17/23	Community Mediation Program, Inc.	\$100,000.00	CVI - The Baltimore Community Mediation Center (BCMC), addresses, among other things, one of the city's biggest challenges: a persistent subculture of violence in the Black Butterfly - East and West Baltimore. The Black Men Warrior and Peace Initiative will recruit and train Black men and boys, ages 8 and up, to become "Peace Warriors" in their communities. This initiative will be a key component in BCMC's ongoing work to address violence in the City.
MONSE Discretionary Grants - Neighborhood Policing Plans			
02/17/23	Fayette Street Outreach	\$344,654.00	Community Healing - Neighborhood Policing Plan Award
02/17/23	Greater Baybrook Alliance	\$355,346.00	Community Healing - Neighborhood Policing Plan Award

ARPA grant applications submitted to MONSE's Grants Portal are reviewed by Community Grant Reviewers, a group of 18 Baltimore residents with diverse backgrounds and who have relevant expertise and experience in MONSE's funding priority areas. Grant applications are accepted and reviewed on a rolling basis based on funding availability.

Grants and Contracting

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

January 11, 2023

- **House of Ruth, Inc. - \$105,000 Agreement (Term: 1/12/2023 to 1/12/2024).** *House of Ruth "Gateway Project" helps engage low-income, mostly African American, abusive partners in a change process. The program will help participants develop empathy for their partners and children, and motivate them in the change process. Funding will support the salary of Group Facilitator for the Gateway Project.*
- **Art With a Heart. - \$25,000 Agreement (Term: 1/11/2023 to 1/10/2024).** *Art with a Heart, Inc. provides programming that is a strategic combination of art, human services, and education that seeks to provide increased access to means of self-expression and social-emotional wellbeing; equitable access to arts education, and enrichment opportunities that provide innovative and creative curriculum, caring and nurturing adults on a consistent basis in Baltimore City*
- **Baltimore Crisis Response, Inc. - \$1,500,000 Agreement (Term: 1/11/2023 to 1/11/2024).** *The Subgrantee will promote overall mental wellbeing of Baltimore residents through education, prevention intervention, and resource linkage; will work to ensure that people receiving low acuity crisis receive the appropriate responses and ongoing support and engagements as appropriate; and will work to mitigate access barriers by providing high quality mental health supports and education within the community through increased outreach efforts in Baltimore City.*
- **My Covenant Place, Inc. - \$120,000 Agreement (Term: 1/11/2023 to 1/11/2024).** *My Covenant Place "Alpha Project" will provide domestic/ intimate partner violence intervention and programming using both an in person and telehealth hybrid model. Grant funds provide program support for participants as they build new coping skills and healthy behaviors that prevent domestic violence, while promoting the safety and wellbeing of victims and family.*

January 18, 2023

- **Governor's Office of Crime Prevention, Youth, and Victim Services - \$100,000 Grant Award (Term: 07/01/22 - 06/30/22).** *The Board is requested to approve and authorize acceptance of a Grant Award from the State of Maryland, Governor's Office of Crime Prevention, Youth, and Victim Services. The period of the award is retroactive to July 1, 2022 through June 30, 2023.*
- **Turnaround, Inc. - \$75,000 Agreement (Term: 1/18/2023 to 1/18/2024).** *TurnAround Inc. will provide evidence-based Dating Matters Programs with youth in Baltimore, MD in an effort to prevent dating violence and intimate partner violence. TurnARound Inc. will develop a 3-tiered approach to dating violence and (IPV) intimate partner violence prevention utilizing primary, secondary, and tertiary prevention methods in efforts to reduce dating violence behaviors within a community of youth in Baltimore City.*
- **Turnaround, Inc. - \$300,000 Agreement (Term: 3/1/2022 to 12/31/2024).** *TurnAround Inc. will provide assistance to survivors of sex trafficking targeted outreach by coordinating collaborative strategic planning with partners and stakeholders to address the needs in three designated areas in Baltimore City where there are reported high rates of solicitation for prostitution.*
- **Libraries Without Borders - \$25,000 Agreement (Term: 1/19/2023 to 1/18/2024).** *The Subgrantee plans to lower the economic, social, and technological barriers associated with mental healthcare, empower community members to access mental health resources, and reduce the inequities of mental healthcare access, particularly for the African American community in Baltimore City.*
- **Let's Thrive Baltimore, Inc. - \$100,000 Agreement (Term: 1/18/2023 to 1/18/2024).** *Let's Thrive Baltimore Inc. aims to guide at-risk youth connected to community violence to appropriate resources to mobilize them to embrace prominent roles in their communities, and to address and help reconcile conflicts, and spread the word about the movement opportunities through consistent and collective strategic actions.*

February 1, 2023

- **HER Resiliency Center. - \$25,000 Agreement (Term: 10/1/2022 to 9/30/2023).** *The purpose of this award is to engage with women in Baltimore City who have been sexually exploited at the street level to foster trust and offer issue specific interventions while providing awareness and interventions through street*

outreach of HER's trauma informed, peer-based programs to women being sexually exploited at the street level

- **HTP Homes. - \$50,000 Agreement (Term: 12/12/2022 to 9/29/2023).** *Let's HTP Homes, Inc. provides construction trade and job readiness skills to returning citizens as a pathway to full time employment and economic stability. Outcomes are geared towards creating transformative and lasting change by building a skilled workforce in Baltimore City while rehabilitating vacant houses.*
- **Urban Once, Inc. - \$68,869 Agreement (Term: 7/1/2022 to 6/30/2023).** *The purpose of this grant is to support the media expansion and public awareness of Project Exile (PE), a component of Project Safe Neighborhoods, a program sponsored by the United States Attorney's Office (USAO) targeting violent repeat offenders and criminal organizations involved in firearms and drug trafficking in Baltimore City. MONSE will utilize additional funds provided by GOCCP to contract with Urban One, Inc. to extend a media campaign. The campaign will include radio and digital advertising promoting the "I Care Campaign" to the Baltimore market.*
- **Turnaround, Inc. - \$375,000 Agreement (Term: 1/1/2022 to 12/31/2024).** *TurnAround Inc., will provide outreach and services to survivors of intimate partner violence (IPV), sexual violence, and human trafficking in Baltimore in order to respond to and reduce gun violence.*
- **No Boundaries Coalition, Inc. - \$25,000 Agreement (Term: 2/1/2023 to 1/31/2024).** *The Subgrantee provides a foundation to promote well-being, resiliency, and community healing through community based, participatory approaches that promote community and youth engagement, leadership development, improved governance, and capacity building in Baltimore City.*

March 1, 2023

- **The Community Builders, Inc. - \$25,000 Agreement (Term: 3/1/2023 to 2/28/2024).** *Through the funding provided by MONSE, The Community Builders Inc. will promote community healing and positive engagement, building social cohesion, and fostering intergenerational understanding between youth and adult residents in Baltimore City.*
- **Bon Secours of Maryland Foundation. - No Cost Extension (Term: 1/1/2023 to 2/28/2023).** *On November 16, 2022, the Board of Estimates of Baltimore City ("Board") approved the original agreement (the "Agreement") for Provider to perform violence reduction services in the Franklin Square neighborhood(s) of Baltimore City under the Safe Streets program. The term of the Agreement was*

from July 1, 2022 through December 31, 2022. The Provider needs additional time to finalize the work under the Agreement and the Parties wish to amend the Agreement to terminate February 28, 2023, with no additional funds needed.

- **Holistic Life Foundation, Inc. - \$50,000 Agreement (Term: 2/1/2023 to 1/31/2024).** *The Subgrantee provides HLF Yoga and Mindfulness Classes to vulnerable populations connected to drug abuse and those experiencing homelessness, especially women and men of color to help them embrace prominent roles in their communities, and to address and help reconcile conflicts by learning how to de-escalate in Baltimore City.*
- **Fusion Partnership, Inc. - \$75,000 Agreement (Term: 7/2/2022 to 12/31/2023).** *In alignment with its charge to co-produce public safety with the Baltimore community, the \$75,000 contract will aid the Subgrantee in supporting the Coordinated Neighborhood Stabilization Response (CNSR) effort as outlined in Mayor Scott's Comprehensive Violence Prevention Plan.*
- **Family Health Centers of Baltimore, Inc. – No Cost Extension (Term: 1/1/2023 to 2/28/2023).** *On October 5, 2022, the Board of Estimates of Baltimore City (“Board”) approved the original agreement (the “Agreement”) for Provider to perform violence reduction services in the Cherry Hill neighborhood(s) of Baltimore City under the Safe Streets program. The term of the Agreement was from July 1, 2022 through December 31, 2022. The Provider needs additional time to finalize the work under the Agreement and the Parties wish to amend the Agreement to terminate February 28, 2023, with no additional funds needed.*
- **We Our Us. - \$75,000 Agreement (Term:7/2/2022 to 1/1/2025).** *We Our Us connects, protects and conveys messages in Baltimore in order to guide vulnerable populations connected to violence, especially boys and men of color to appropriate resources, mobilize them to embrace prominent roles in their communities and to address and help reconcile conflicts and spread the word about the movement and opportunities through consistent and collective strategic actions.*
- **Youth Advocate Programs, Inc. – No Cost Extension (Term:1/1/2023 to 2/28/2023).** *On November 2, 2022, the Board of Estimates of Baltimore City (“Board”) approved the original agreement (the “Agreement”) for the Provider to perform violence reduction services in the Penn-North neighborhood(s) of Baltimore City under the Safe Streets program. The term of the Agreement was from July 1, 2022, through December 31, 2022. The Provider needs additional time to finalize the work under the Agreement and the Parties wish to amend the Agreement to terminate on February 28, 2023, with no additional funds needed.*

- **Park Heights Renaissance, Inc. – No Cost Extension (Term: 1/1/2023 to 2/28/2023).** *On October 19, 2022, the Board of Estimates of Baltimore City (“Board”) approved the original agreement (the “Agreement”) for the Provider to perform violence reduction services in the Park Heights neighborhood(s) of Baltimore City under the Safe Streets program. The term of the Agreement was from July 1, 2022, through December 31, 2022. The Provider needs additional time to finalize the work under the Agreement and the Parties wish to amend the Agreement to terminate on February 28, 2023, with no additional funds needed.*
- **Baltimore Crisis Response, Inc. - \$200,000 Agreement (Term: 1/1/2023 to 6/30/2023).** *The purpose of this Agreement is for the Provider 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.*

March 15, 2023

- **Lead4Life, Inc. - \$25,000 Agreement (Term: 07/01/22 - 6/30/23).** *Lead4Life regularly serves youth that are victims of sex trafficking, including those who identify as lesbian, gay, bisexual, transgender, queer/questioning (LGBTQ).Lead4Life provides mental health, life and competency skills, workforce development, and peer-to-peer support. Lead4Life offers life coaching to assist the youth who have tapped out of mental health services. Lead4Life will facilitate EmpowerMe program designed to support youth and LGBTQ sex trafficking survivors.*
- **University of Baltimore – Baltimore Neighborhood Indicators Alliance No Cost Extension (Term: February 1, 2022 – June 30, 2023).** *On March 16, 2022 The Board of Estimates approved the contract between University of Baltimore and Mayor’s Office of Neighborhood Safety and Engagement. The contract needs to be extended for a new date of February 1, 2022 – June 30, 2023.*
- **Dr. Braga No Cost Extension (Term: June 30, 2022 to March 31, 2023).** *The Board of Estimates is requested to ratify the No Cost Extension (NCE) amendment between the Mayor's Office of Neighborhood Safety and Engagement (MONSE), The State's Attorney Office (SAO), The Baltimore Police Department (BPD) and the Trustees of the University of Pennsylvania. The amendment extends the end date to March 31, 2023*
- **Fusion Partnership, Inc. - \$25,000 Agreement (Term: 07/01/22 - 06/30/23).** *Fusion Partnership is the fiscal sponsor for the Intercultural Counseling Connection. The Intercultural Counseling Connection aims to provide access to*

culturally and linguistically responsive therapeutic services for asylum seekers, refugees, and other trauma-affected forced migrants in the greater Baltimore area through a pro bono referral network of concerned mental health professionals. The following core services are designed to provide a sense of safety, support and connection for forced migrant clients, bridging the period of displacement and trauma while aiming to reduce frequency and severity of trauma symptoms and improved overall daily functioning.

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- **Associated Catholic Charities, Inc. Esperanza Center. - \$25,000 Agreement (Term: One year from BOE Approval).** *Associated Catholic Charities, Inc. Esperanza Center will provide support and services to immigrant victims of crime in accessing services and benefits in efforts to diminish fear and build trust between the Baltimore City immigrant community and local law enforcement.*
- **Araminta Freedom Initiative, Inc. - \$50,000 Agreement (Term: 07/01/22 - 6/30/23).** *Araminta Freedom Initiative Inc. will provide therapeutic healing and resourced independence for victims of exploitation through the THRIVE program. The THRIVE program will increase independent housing, economic empowerment, provide prevention education, and services for male survivors.*
- **Governor’s Office of Crime Prevention, Youth, and Victim Services - \$600,000 Grant Award (Term: 07/01/22 - 06/30/22).** *On July 26, 2022 GOCCP informed MONSE of a grant award in the amount of \$3,000,000 from July 1, 2022 – June 30, 2023 for the Baltimore City Safe Streets Program. The Board approved the original agreement on 9/7/2022 with a term of 7/1/2022-6/30/2023. The original award amount was \$3,000,000 and the additional \$600,000 makes the total amount \$3,600,000. January 5, 2023 GOCCP informed MONSE of \$600,000 of additional funds as allocated below: Safe Streets Communication Manager: \$59,150 Safe Streets Vehicles: \$120,000 Summer Program: \$40,000 School-Based Intervention Pilot: \$380,850*
- **Mercy Medical Center. - \$50,000 Agreement (Term: 07/01/22 - 6/30/23).** *Mercy Medical and the “Blue Dot Initiative” have a goal to teach staff members to*

recognize victims of trafficking and intervene and identify the telltale signs of trafficking that are often overlooked. In collaboration with law enforcement the initiative is charged with raising awareness of human trafficking among people who may be in a position to intervene. It does this through education, law enforcement training and the media. It supports prosecutions of traffickers and takes a victim-centered, trauma-informed approach to caring for victims.

- **City of Refuge Baltimore - \$50,000 Agreement (Term: 07/01/22 - 6/30/23).** *City of Refuge's mission is to build trust with community members, learn about their needs, lower barriers to information and resources, and offer encouragement on their person journey to recovery. The Rapha program under City of Refuge will reach those in need, respond with trauma informed approaches, facilitate connections, and restore individuals, families, and connections.*
- **Drink at the Well, Inc. - \$25,000 Agreement (Term: 07/01/22 - 6/30/23).** *Drink at the Well will conduct a peer recovery advocate/transportation project in efforts to offer women survivors of trauma in South Baltimore additional opportunities for healing from trauma to move forward and achieve personal stability.*
- **Challenge 2 Change No Cost Extension (Term: 7/2/2022 to 7/1/2023).** *Challenge2Change seeks to develop partnerships with a variety of public and private schools to help provide communities with a pipeline of services through in school and out of school programming. On 10/5/2022, the Board approved the original agreement for one year from BOE approval date in the amount of \$100,000.*