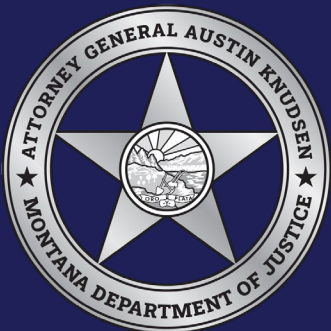


FORENSIC SCIENCE DIVISION (FSD)

February 2023
Section D Budget Presentation



Forensic Science Division Org. Chart



Operations
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Administrator
Travis Spinder



Toxicology
Elizabeth Smalley



Firearms/Latent Prints/Evidence
Kate Delphy



Chemistry
Misty Icard



Biology
Joe Pasternak



Medical Examiner
Dr. Walter Kemp



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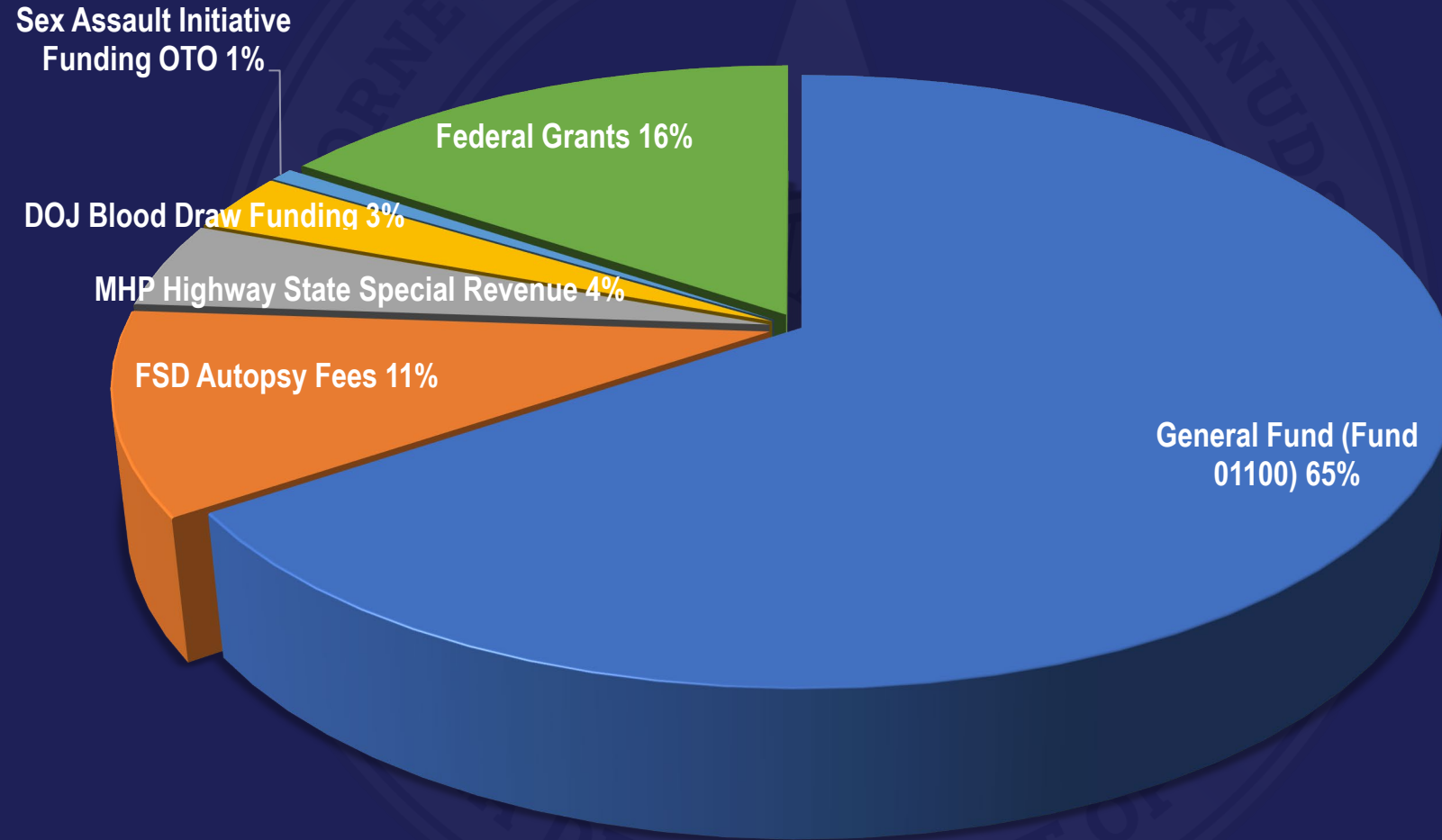


FTE Information

- 51.8 Total FTE
- 3.5 Modified FTE Grant
- 2 Modified Other



Forensic Science Division Fiscal Year 2023



Items of Interest

- Responsible for all forensic evidence testing and autopsies in state
 - Lab received 8,911 cases in 2022 and roughly 34,000 pieces of evidence
 - Medical Examiner's Office completed 834 autopsies
 - Staff provided Court testimony
 - Delivered 350-400 hours/year training
- Accreditation
 - ANAB ISO 17025 accreditation (testing and calibration services)
 - NAME accreditation (autopsy services)



Items of Interest

- Received approximately \$485K in federal grants for Fiscal Year 2023
 - Allows for projects/equipment not accomplished on current budget
 - Historical average was ~ \$350K
- Chemistry has seen a 300% increase in fentanyl related cases in 2022
- Release of FSD and Medical Examiner Annual Reports
- Yearly FSD Advisory Board Meeting



Accomplishments & Efficiencies

- Internal renovation of Missoula Toxicology/Breath Alcohol and Latent Print sections
 - Additional office and lab space
- New breath instruments released throughout the state
 - 125 instruments
- Biology section decreased backlog by more than 60% in 2022
 - Streamlined work processes and implemented automation
- Biology section implemented male specific DNA testing (Y-STR) and will be rolling out mixture interpretation software beginning of 2023



Accomplishments & Efficiencies

- Chemistry and Latent Print have sustained good turn around times since challenges from past years
- Project FORESIGHT Maximus Award winner FY2021 & FY2022
 - Business-guided self-evaluation of forensic science laboratories across the globe
 - The FORESIGHT Maximus awards are presented to participant laboratories operating at 90% or better of peak efficiency



Goals & Metrics

- Provide timely services
 - FSD Goal is to provide 90% of forensic results within 90-120 days
 - MEO's NAME accreditation requires 90% of reports released within 90 days of autopsy performed – current average is 64 days and 90% of cases are completed in 83 days
- Provide training to law enforcement/coroner community
 - Provide 350-400 hours of training through MLEA and local agencies in scope of lab abilities, evidence submission, breath testing, coroner training, etc.
- Cross training of laboratory staff
 - 2 Analysts in Biology completed in 2022
 - 2 Analysts currently cross training in Chemistry



Ongoing Projects

- Maintain Laboratory/Medical Examiner's Office accreditation
- Replacement of Generator and Battery Backup at Missoula Facility
- Medical Examiner recruitment for Billings location
- Operational structure
 - Currently staffed below national recommendations but Division has focused on improved technology and testing efficiencies to keep up with demand
 - Continue to increase cross-training in sections to improve resilience during unplanned events (loss of personnel, FMLA)
 - Instrumentation leases - Strategic option for lab to maintain quality and updated technology within budget



Budget Requests

	-----Fiscal 2024-----					-----Fiscal 2025-----				
	FTE	General Fund	State Special	Federal Special	Total Funds	FTE	General Fund	State Special	Federal Special	Total Funds
DP 1 - Personal Services	0.00	483,039	0	0	483,039	0.00	510,863	0	0	510,863
DP 2 - Fixed Costs	0.00	(20,834)	0	0	(20,834)	0.00	(21,072)	0	0	(21,072)
DP 3 - Inflation Deflation	0.00	207,231	0	0	207,231	0.00	225,663	0	0	225,663
DP 802 - Instrument and Maintenance Funding	0.00	0	175,000	0	175,000	0.00	0	175,000	0	175,000
Grand Total All Present Law Adjustments	0.00	\$669,436	\$175,000	\$0	\$844,436	0.00	\$715,454	\$175,000	\$0	\$890,454

*"Total Funds" amount includes funding from sources other than General Fund, State Special, or Federal Special (i.e. Proprietary).

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