**Detroit Police Fact Sheet**

**How Much Are We Spending on the DPD?**

*A lot.*

In Fiscal Year 2020, Detroit spent $317 million on the Detroit Police Department from the city’s General Fund, far more than any other department (including housing and health).

1 out of every 3 dollars from the city’s General Fund is spent on the police.

Including other funds, such as state and federal grants, the total DPD budget for Fiscal Year 2020 was **$330 million**.

(As with General Fund expenditures, the DPD budget still far outweighs all other departments in total expenditures.)

And that budget is forecast to grow substantially in the next four years:

- **2021: $329 mil.**
- **2022: $338 mil.**
- **2023: $341 mil.**
- **2024: $345 mil.**

**What Do the Police Do with All of That Money?**

The Detroit Police Department is not effective at keeping our community safe.

Detroit has one of the lowest rates for solving violent crimes in the country.

1/2 of all criminal prosecutions in Michigan are for minor traffic offenses like driving with a suspended license. Many of these offenses directly criminalize poverty and do nothing to improve public safety.

To learn more, visit detroitjustice.org/highwayrobbery.

Most importantly, the police don’t address the root causes of crime.

- There is no correlation between the number of police officers and crime rates.
- When the police try to stop crime by using “proactive policing” of minor offenses (which is the strategy adopted by the DPD), research shows that communities are destabilized and severe crime actually increases.

**What Does It Mean to Defund the Police?**

"#DefundPolice is a demand to cut funding and resources from police departments and other law enforcement and invest in things that actually make our communities safer: quality, affordable, and accessible housing, universal quality health care, including community based mental health services, income support to stay safe during the pandemic, safe living wage employment, education, and youth programming."

- Movement For Black Lives Defund Toolkit

**What Else Could the City of Detroit Do with $317 Million?**

- Build 18 restorative justice centers ($17 mil. a piece).
- Provide a $10,000 child care tax income credit to 31,700 families when 48% of children in Detroit are living in poverty.
- Create mental health and rehabilitation facilities with beds for 244 patients ($1.3 mil. per bed).
- Create 10,160 living-wage jobs for people in the city.
- House every homeless person in Detroit in $90,000 homes AND give a $5,000 tax credit to 23,000 homes facing tax foreclosure.
- Within two years, renovate and modernize all DPSCD schools ($800 mil. total).