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Program Offer Type: Innovative/New Program **Program Offer Stage:** As Requested
Related Programs:
Program Characteristics: Out of Target

Executive Summary

The MCDA Access Attorney Program (MAAP) will improve public safety by engaging and empowering community members, while increasing the public's understanding of the criminal justice system and MCDA's role. The program will accomplish this by locating one Access Attorney in each county district, focusing that attorney's work on that particular geographic area. The Access Attorneys and their support staff will work with local community members, stakeholders, and law enforcement to identify and address local crime. The Access Attorneys will be located in a shared space with community agencies to encourage contact, and will also reach out to the community by hosting and attending meetings and events.

Program Summary

The MCDA Access Attorney Program will strategically place four deputy district attorneys (DDAs) into the community – one in each county district – allowing each Access DDA to work with local community members, stakeholders, and law enforcement to identify the issues and priorities of that discrete area. Access DDAs will also build relationships with the residents, businesses, and other agencies in that area by hosting and attending meetings and events relevant to their work and the community's requests. Access DDAs will maintain these relationships over time, and will be responsive, creative, and flexible when addressing their district's needs. Access DDAs will not be housed in police precincts because the presence of law enforcement may discourage some members of the community from accessing resources. To prevent this, MAAP will seek shared spaces in the community, funded by nonprofit agencies, allowing partnerships to exist and engagement to occur without this unintended impact.

Because the Access DDAs will work under the umbrella of the Strategic Prosecution and Services Unit (15206), they will prosecute their district's cases with focus, precision, and intentionality. The use of strategic prosecution will ensure positive outcomes for the community and connect people directly to housing services, drug and mental health treatment, occupational training, and other resources which address the root causes of criminality and are proven to reduce recidivism. The resources of the program will be focused within each Access DDA's geographical area on the places with the highest concentration of poverty, crime victims, and historically marginalized or under-represented communities.

Access DDAs will be backed by several critical support staff positions: A Victim's Advocate will facilitate constructive relationships with crime victims, bringing added cultural competence and trauma-informed approaches to the program and community. An Investigator will provide essential investigatory services and offer community members another contact point with law enforcement, apart from the police. A Legal Assistant will provide the logistical support necessary for the Access DDAs to efficiently initiate, maintain, and organize cases, contacts, and events in the community. Lastly, a Data Analyst will collect objective data and create public-facing data reports and/or dashboards to track the efficacy of the program.

Performance Measures

Measure Type	Primary Measure	FY21 Actual	FY22 Budgeted	FY22 Estimate	FY23 Offer
Output	Number of contacts with community members and stakeholders	N/A	N/A	N/A	480
Outcome	Number of cases issued as a result of contacts	N/A	N/A	N/A	100
Quality	% of contacts that rate service from MAAP program as meeting or exceeding their expectation	N/A	N/A	N/A	80
Output	Number of community member resource referrals	N/A	N/A	N/A	48

Performance Measures Descriptions

Revenue/Expense Detail

	Adopted General Fund	Adopted Other Funds	Requested General Fund	Requested Other Funds
Program Expenses	2022	2022	2023	2023
Personnel	\$0	\$0	\$1,482,476	\$0
Materials & Supplies	\$0	\$0	\$9,000	\$0
Internal Services	\$0	\$0	\$10,221	\$0
Total GF/non-GF	\$0	\$0	\$1,501,697	\$0
Program Total:	\$0		\$1,501,697	
Program FTE	0.00	0.00	8.00	0.00

Program Revenues				
Total Revenue	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0

Explanation of Revenues

Significant Program Changes

Last Year this program was: