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Program Offer Type:	Existing Operating Program	Program Offer Stage:	As Adopted
Related Programs:			
Program Characteristics:			

Executive Summary

The Investigations Unit assists deputy district attorneys, victim advocates, and legal staff in the investigation of cases, locating, interviewing and transporting witnesses, serving subpoenas, preparation of court exhibits, and the gathering and protecting of evidence. Often, an investigator makes the initial contact with a witness or crime victim. Investigators are excellent communicators to a diverse community and are expertly trained in cultural competence and problem solving. COVID-19 has presented challenges to the legal requirements of personal subpoena service. The backlog of trial work will lead to a spike in all forms of investigator service requests.

Program Summary

The Investigations Unit is led by the Chief Investigator and staffed by 5.5 experienced investigators. Every division and unit of the office utilizes investigative services. Investigators work closely with federal, state and local law enforcement agencies. The program provides case specific evidence gathering and evaluation, location of witnesses, witness interviews and transport for testimony, court testimony, video redaction of 911 tapes and video evidence, background investigations and personal service of subpoenas that require witness court appearance.

Investigators are a critical part of the core function of the District Attorney's Office. The Investigations Unit supports criminal prosecutions by performing tasks unique to their qualifications and skill set. Investigators perform all of the duties listed above and other critical tasks needed to support deputy district attorneys and help them protect the community and hold defendants accountable. As the community and MCDA continues to reckon with the historical truths of over-representation of persons of color in all facets of the justice system, investigators are front line ambassadors. MCDA has assembled a diverse, gifted, caring and committed investigative team, reflective of the community.

Members of the Investigations Unit have developed unique skills and are called upon every day to use those skills and learn new skills. Reviewing, compiling, and editing body worn camera data, for example. Additionally, investigators serve as the primary threat assessment team when office members are the subject of threats - including threats of bodily harm or death.

Performance Measures

Measure Type	Primary Measure	FY21 Actual	FY22 Budgeted	FY22 Estimate	FY23 Offer
Output	Subpoenas issued	2,791	4,200	3,436	3,177
Outcome	Subpoenas served	404	3,750	660	734

Performance Measures Descriptions

Serving subpoenas is critical function of DA Investigators. The duty has evolved prior to, and to a greater extent during the pandemic. More victims of crime are houseless and achieving personal service during the pandemic has been challenging.

Revenue/Expense Detail

	Adopted General Fund	Adopted Other Funds	Adopted General Fund	Adopted Other Funds
Program Expenses	2022	2022	2023	2023
Personnel	\$368,392	\$491,850	\$386,096	\$510,588
Materials & Supplies	\$16,500	\$0	\$19,500	\$0
Internal Services	\$181,262	\$10,445	\$175,873	\$30,662
Total GF/non-GF	\$566,154	\$502,295	\$581,469	\$541,250
Program Total:	\$1,068,449		\$1,122,719	
Program FTE	2.55	3.45	2.57	3.43

Program Revenues				
Intergovernmental	\$0	\$502,295	\$0	\$541,250
Total Revenue	\$0	\$502,295	\$0	\$541,250

Explanation of Revenues

IGA with the City of Portland, Portland Police Bureau:
 \$447,671 - funds 3.00 FTE Portland Investigators + \$30,662 covers partial fleet expenses for investigators

IGA with the City of Gresham, Gresham Police Department
 \$62,917 - funds part of 1 investigator for Gresham

Significant Program Changes

Last Year this program was: FY 2022: 15402 Investigations