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

Executive Summary

National best practices in criminal prosecution include the use of data research and planning teams to enable data-driven policy and resource allocation decision making. Similar programs exist within Multnomah County's Department of Community Justice, the Multnomah County Sheriff's Office, as well as at the Portland Police Bureau. This program offer funds a lead research analyst and two interns to begin developing capabilities at MCDA.

Program Summary

The trend in public safety in the county and across the nation is for increased cooperation among peers to answer questions greater than any one entity. Experience here in the county has shown that when one partner in criminal justice evaluation comes to the table without the capacity to keep up with others, that weak link causes the whole enterprise to suffer. As public safety systems in Multnomah County join to tackle important questions, the District Attorney's office is determined to be an equal partner with others in this endeavor. That commitment requires an expansion of the office's evaluation capacity.

Internally, the DA's office is asking more sophisticated questions about its own workings, including examinations of equity and disparity in prosecution, DDA workload and effectiveness, and case flow efficiency. At one time it may have been sufficient to find answers to these questions through the authority of long tenure, management discussion and speculation by line staff. These older methods are insufficient in the face of greater reliance in the county and nationwide on sophisticated data analyses that provide more objective means to drive policy. The office's single evaluator can no longer meet our needs; we must be about the business of building a more robust research and planning enterprise.

In January 2016, MCDA agreed to partner with the Portland State University's Criminology & Criminal Justice Division to develop a mutually beneficial intern/extern program for graduate students hosted within the Data Research Team.

Performance Measures

Measure Type	Primary Measure	FY15 Actual	FY16 Purchased	FY16 Estimate	FY17 Offer
Output	Number of Internal Requests for Data Analysis*		--	15	30
Outcome	Percent of outputs completed within 15 days of request*		--	66%	80%

Performance Measures Descriptions

*This is a new offer.

Revenue/Expense Detail

	Proposed General Fund	Proposed Other Funds	Proposed General Fund	Proposed Other Funds
Program Expenses	2016	2016	2017	2017
Personnel	\$0	\$0	\$186,254	\$0
Materials & Supplies	\$0	\$0	\$2,100	\$0
Internal Services	\$0	\$0	\$800	\$0
Total GF/non-GF	\$0	\$0	\$189,154	\$0
Program Total:	\$0		\$189,154	
Program FTE	0.00	0.00	1.00	0.00

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

Explanation of Revenues

General Fund

Significant Program Changes

Last Year this program was: