

Department: District Attorney
Program Offer Type: Existing Operating Program
Program Contact: Adam Brown
Program Offer Stage: As Proposed

Related Programs:

Program Characteristics:

Executive Summary

Felony Trial Unit C/Gangs prosecutes a variety of very serious and mid-level felony crimes including: Homicides, Robberies, weapons offenses, gang crimes, vehicular homicides and assaults, arson, residential burglaries and felony animal abuse. These crimes are predominantly person crimes, and many of the violent cases handled by this unit have long-lasting effects on the victimized community members.

Program Summary

This program works closely with federal, state and local law enforcement agencies to prosecute serious person and property crimes, including those cases involving homicides, vehicular assaults and homicides, crimes involving gangs, weapons possession by felons, arson, animal abuse, all degrees of robberies, and residential burglaries. Unit C/Gangs works cooperatively with state and local law enforcement agencies and community partners to target and reduce the instances of gang related crime through aggressive enforcement and prosecution. In the continuum of prosecution services, this unit prosecutes mostly high risk and some medium level offenders, and many cases handled in Unit C/Gangs have high visibility in the community. The program also works cooperatively with the Portland Police Bureau, Multnomah County Sheriff's Office, Gresham Police Bureau, and other local law enforcement agencies in the County to promote better case investigation and development by consulting with and training officers in the complex legal issues these cases present. Members of the unit are available to officers with questions 24 hours per day, 7 days per week. Additionally, the unit works with the Bureau of Alcohol, Tobacco and Firearms and the US Attorney's Office to reduce by vigorous prosecution the illegal use, possession and transfer of firearms. Hundreds of these weapons cases are handled annually, resulting in both state and federal prosecutions. A key goal to the Unit C/Gangs program is to make sure that offenders are held accountable for their criminal behavior and that the rights of victims are protected. The program seeks to hold offenders accountable for committing serious person and property crimes, and seeks to engage other community partners in reducing gang related violence and illegal activities in the schools and neighborhoods.

Performance Measures

Measure Type	Primary Measure	FY13 Actual	FY14 Purchased	FY14 Estimate	FY15 Offer
Output	Cases issued	754	775	750	750
Outcome	Cases resolved	761	735	750	750

Performance Measures Descriptions

Output - the number of cases for which a charging document has been created in this unit.

Outcome - the number of cases completed and closed in this unit.

Input - the total number of cases that have been submitted to this unit.

Legal / Contractual Obligation

ORS 8.660 Attending court and prosecuting offenses. (1) The district attorney shall attend the terms of all courts having jurisdiction of public offenses within the district attorney's county, and, except as otherwise provided in this section, conduct, on behalf of the state, all prosecutions for such offenses therein.

ORS 8.665 Prosecuting violations: Upon the issuance of a citation by any person authorized to issue citations for violations, a district attorney shall prosecute the case if it appears that a violation has occurred.

ORS 8.670 Proceedings before magistrates and grand jury. The district attorney shall institute proceedings before magistrates for the arrest of persons charged with or reasonably suspected of public offenses, when the district attorney has information that any such offense has been committed, and attend upon and advise the grand jury when required.

Revenue/Expense Detail

	Proposed General Fund	Proposed Other Funds	Proposed General Fund	Proposed Other Funds
Program Expenses	2014	2014	2015	2015
Personnel	\$1,551,752	\$52,771	\$1,698,421	\$31,407
Contractual Services	\$44,100	\$0	\$29,600	\$0
Materials & Supplies	\$19,470	\$0	\$19,400	\$0
Internal Services	\$14,736	\$2,638	\$15,681	\$1,570
Total GF/non-GF	\$1,630,058	\$55,409	\$1,763,102	\$32,977
Program Total:	\$1,685,467		\$1,796,079	
Program FTE	10.63	0.37	11.30	0.20

Program Revenues				
Indirect for Dept. Admin	\$1,842	\$0	\$1,092	\$0
Intergovernmental	\$0	\$55,409	\$0	\$32,977
Total Revenue	\$1,842	\$55,409	\$1,092	\$32,977

Explanation of Revenues

\$32,977 in Juvenile Accountability Incentive Block (JAIB) Grant funding

Significant Program Changes

Last Year this program was: 15017 Unit C/Gangs - Robbery, Weapons

This program has been increased by 0.50 FTE with the addition of a Deputy District Attorney III.