



Program #15013 - MCDA Research & Planning Unit FY 2024 Department Requested

Department: District Attorney **Program Contact:** Caroline Wong
Program Offer Type: Existing **Program Offer Stage:** Department Requested
Related Programs:
Program Characteristics: In Target

Executive Summary

Decision making at MCDA must be informed by up-to-date, accurate data. MCDA continues to re-examine policies and procedures that have resulted in disparate outcomes for persons of color, LGBTQ, the houseless, and those with lower income and more barriers to resources. This unit provides the data, analysis and reporting necessary for this work. National best practices in criminal prosecution continue to include the use of data research, evaluation, and planning teams to enable data-driven policy development and resource allocation.

Program Description

The on-going work of the Research and Planning Unit enhances the ability of the District Attorney to make evidence-based decisions and reinforces the County’s long standing commitment to data analysis. This unit produces research that evaluates, explores and uncovers prosecutorial effects and trends in Multnomah County’s criminal justice system and its impact both locally and on the state. This insight helps to inform policy decision-making in important areas such as to strategically address disparities within the County. Additionally, MCDA endeavors to strategically deploy valuable prosecution and service resources in areas that have the greatest public safety impact. Data, research and planning are critical to achieving successful outcomes.

Furthermore, 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.

Ever agile, court and program closures during the pandemic shifted the unit's analysis/research duties to Covid-19 related data requests, ad hoc requests, and dashboard creation/maintenance covering various prosecution metrics (e.g. protest cases, gun violence, hate crimes, etc.). In FY 2022 MCDA significantly increased the number of data dashboards available to the public on its website. MCDA has joined a handful of DA offices across the country in partnering with universities to rethink how to measure prosecutorial performance. The launch of the Gun Violence, Hate Crimes and Prosecutorial Performance Indicator dashboards have already made MCDA one of the most transparent DA offices in the nation. The increased transparency will enable MCDA and partner agencies to more readily identify success and opportunities for improvement to make sure the criminal legal system is functioning and equitable for Multnomah County.

Performance Measures

Measure Type	Primary Measure	FY22 Actual	FY23 Budgeted	FY23 Estimate	FY24 Offer
Output	Data analysis reports, data tasks or dashboard creation	290	260	600	500
Outcome	Number of dashboard updates	90	150	128	130
Outcome	Number of MCDA website pages dedicated to sharing prosecution metrics (new measure)	26	N/A	28	30

Performance Measures Descriptions

The rise in gun violence and MCDA’s focus on transparency and accountability created the need to create and maintain several new public-facing data dashboards including a gun violence prosecutions dashboard, a bias crimes dashboard, over 30 Prosecutorial Performance Indicators, and several internal dashboards to monitor prosecution work and outcomes.

Revenue/Expense Detail

	Adopted General Fund	Adopted Other Funds	Department Requested General Fund	Department Requested Other Funds
Program Expenses	2023	2023	2024	2024
Personnel	\$171,719	\$0	\$186,313	\$0
Materials & Supplies	\$1,000	\$0	\$1,000	\$0
Internal Services	\$22,499	\$0	\$19,154	\$0
Total GF/non-GF	\$195,218	\$0	\$206,467	\$0
Program Total:	\$195,218		\$206,467	
Program FTE	1.00	0.00	1.00	0.00

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

Explanation of Revenues

Significant Program Changes

Last Year this program was: FY 2023: 15013 MCDA Research & Planning Unit