

Division: Justice Integrity & Victim Services Division

Program Characteristics:

Program Description

The Research & Planning Unit provides essential data analysis and research to help MCDA make informed, evidence-based decisions. This program evaluates trends and outcomes within Multnomah County’s criminal justice system, guiding policy development and resource allocation to maximize public safety and equity.

Key functions include analyzing programs such as the Multnomah County Justice Reinvestment Program (MCJRP) and Strategic Treatment and Engagement Program (STEP) Court, identifying high-volume system users for strategic prosecution, and producing research that informs smarter policy decisions. The unit also drives transparency by maintaining public-facing dashboards on gun violence, hate crimes, and prosecutorial performance indicators, making MCDA one of the most open district attorney’s offices in the nation.

Through partnerships with universities and collaboration with justice system stakeholders, the Research and Planning Unit ensures MCDA has the capacity to answer complex questions, measure effectiveness, and identify opportunities for improvement. This work strengthens accountability and supports a justice system that is fair, efficient, and responsive.

Equity Statement

The Research & Planning Unit advances equity by using data to uncover trends, measure outcomes, and guide decisions that reduce disparities in the criminal legal system. Through public dashboards and collaborative research, the program promotes transparency and accountability, helping create a justice system that works for all communities, especially those historically impacted by inequity.

Revenue/Expense Detail

	2026 General Fund	2026 Other Funds	2027 General Fund	2027 Other Funds
Personnel	\$209,278	\$169,839	\$389,716	\$188,675
Materials & Supplies	\$1,000	\$0	\$3,000	\$0
Internal Services	\$1,992	\$0	\$0	\$17,641
Total GF/non-GF	\$212,270	\$169,839	\$392,716	\$206,316
Total Expenses:	\$382,109		\$599,032	
Program FTE	1.00	1.00	2.00	1.00
Program Revenues				
Intergovernmental	\$0	\$169,839	\$0	\$206,316
Total Revenue	\$0	\$169,839	\$0	\$206,316

Performance Measures

Performance Measure	FY25 Actual	FY26 Estimate	FY27 Target
Data analysis reports, data tasks, or dashboard creation	791	1,400	1,400
Number of dashboard updates	414	600	600