

**Department:** District Attorney      **Program Contact:** Jeff Howes  
**Program Offer Type:** Innovative/New Program      **Program Offer Stage:** As Requested  
**Related Programs:**  
**Program Characteristics:** Out of Target

**Executive Summary**

This program offer funds one Multnomah County Homeless/Houseless Specialty Court DDA who will collaborate with community partners, agency partners, and social services providers to implement an offender and offender needs specific approach to criminal case processing and resolution. This program and position is designed to reduce community livability issues by targeting high-impact / high-needs offenders, while simultaneously reducing recidivism and jail bed usage by offering needs-based social services in lieu of punitive sanctions for criminal case resolutions

**Program Summary**

The Homeless Specialty Court DDA’s efforts will focus on heavy systems users with high arrest rates for outstanding bench warrants, misdemeanors, livability offenses, and other low-level non person felonies. The assigned DDA will work with law enforcement and local area social service providers to identify those heavy system users whose recidivism is the result of unmet treatment, housing and stability needs. The assigned DDA will then work with social service providers to create needs-informed and evidence-based sentencing structures for this population that focus on court-ordered participation in social services instead of jail bed usage or other punitive sanctions. This DDA will participate and perform the following duties:

- Information sharing and weekly meeting attendance with the Portland Police Bureau Service Coordination Team to identify persons generating high numbers of calls for service and arrests who have identified housing and treatment needs. The program DDA will also circulate back information on case resolutions and progress notes for program participants to ensure community supports are in place to help meet participant needs. This includes but is not limited to specific information sharing about participant treatment plans and court obligations so that law enforcement and other partners can assist participants in attending treatment and court obligations, thereby reducing overall warrant issuance while also addressing underlying needs.
- Coordination with a qualified assessment provider based out of the Multnomah County Community Court who will run a needs assessment on every program participant in order to make offender-specific needs assessments and evidence based services / treatment recommendations. The program DDA will then use the information from this assessment process to create a tailored and specific sentencing recommendation to the court that consist of services and skills planning instead of punitive sanctions.
- Participation in the Multnomah County Community program, to include monthly attendance at Community Court technical operations meetings and site visits as the court undergoes its current transition of Community Court to a needs-based treatment model. Coordination with the bench, defense counsel and treatment providers to optimize Community Court participation, reduce overall failures to appear at court (including reduction in issuance of bench warrants) for low level offenders/ offenses, and maximize the number of eligible offenses and offenders for inclusion in Community Court programming.

**Performance Measures**

Measure Type	Primary Measure	FY18 Actual	FY19 Purchased	FY19 Estimate	FY20 Offer
Output	Number of identified offenders assessed and offered social service contracts in Community Court	1008	N/A	832	1040
Outcome	Number of cases resolved via social service contracts in Community Court	396	N/A	416	800

**Performance Measures Descriptions**

Number of cases resolved via social service contracts vs. standard criminal prosecution models. In FY 2018 and FY 2019 Community Court eligible offenders were also able to resolve cases through community service sanctions. In FY 2020 offenders will only be able to resolve Community Court eligible cases through needs-based social service contracts.

For additional MCDA Budget Information:

<http://mcda.us/wp-content/uploads/2019/02/MCDA-Budget-Informational-Packet-FY-20.pdf>

## Legal / Contractual Obligation

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 8.660 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.

## Revenue/Expense Detail

	Proposed General Fund	Proposed Other Funds	Proposed General Fund	Proposed Other Funds
Program Expenses	2019	2019	2020	2020
Personnel	\$0	\$0	\$151,574	\$0
<b>Total GF/non-GF</b>	<b>\$0</b>	<b>\$0</b>	<b>\$151,574</b>	<b>\$0</b>
<b>Program Total:</b>	<b>\$0</b>		<b>\$151,574</b>	
Program FTE	0.00	0.00	1.00	0.00

Program Revenues				
<b>Total Revenue</b>	<b>\$0</b>	<b>\$0</b>	<b>\$0</b>	<b>\$0</b>

## Explanation of Revenues

## Significant Program Changes

Last Year this program was: