Multnomah County				
Program #15015 - Misden	neanor Strategic Prosecution a	nd Services Unit DDA		3/4/2020
Department:	District Attorney	Program Contact:	Kirsten Snowden	
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 misdemeanor level Strategic Prosecution and Services Unit (SPSU) deputy district attorney (DDA) who will collaborate with community partners, agency partners, and social service 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 when possible by offering needs-based social services in lieu of punitive sanctions for criminal case resolutions.

Program Summary

The SPSU DDA will focus on heavy system users with high arrest rates for outstanding bench warrants, misdemeanors, livability offenses, and low-level non-person felonies. The DDA will work with law enforcement and service providers to identify those high volume system users whose recidivism is the result of unmet treatment, housing and stability needs. The DDA will then work with service providers to create needs-informed and evidence-based sentencing structures that focuses on court-ordered participation in services instead of jail bed usage or other punitive sanctions. The DDA will perform the following duties: 1) Information sharing and weekly meeting attendance with the PPB Service Coordination Team to identify persons generating high numbers of calls for service and arrests who have identified housing and treatment needs. The DDA will also circulate back information on case resolutions and progress notes for program participants to ensure community supports are in place. This includes, but is not limited to, 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 addressing underlying needs. 2) Specialized participation in the Community Court program, to include monthly attendance at operations meetings and site visits. 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 offenses, and maximize the number of eligible offenses and offenders for inclusion in Community Court programming. Coordination with an assessment provider who will run a needs assessment on every participant in order to make offender-specific needs assessments and evidencebased service and or treatment recommendations. The DDA will then use the information from this assessment process to create a tailored and specific sentencing recommendation to the court that consists of services and skills planning instead of punitive sanctions. 3) Coordination with social service providers and treatment providers to regularly discuss program participant progress, attendance and any treatment needs/court-ordered service plan modifications. The DDA will work with above named partners to make program adjustments where needed to achieve program goals of reduction in jail bed usage and warrant issuance, increased access to social services and reduced recidivism and system use for high-volume system using offenders experiencing homelessness and housing instability.

Measure Type	Primary Measure	FY19 Actual	FY20 Budgeted	FY20 Estimate	FY21 Offer
Output	Number of identified offenders assessed and offered social service contracts in Community Court	N/A	N/A	N/A	1040
Outcome	Number of cases resolved via social service contracts in Community Court	N/A	N/A	N/A	800

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.

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.

	Adopted General Fund	Adopted Other Funds	Requested General Fund	Requested Other Funds		
Program Expenses	2020	2020	2021	2021		
Personnel	\$0	\$0	\$171,952	\$0		
Total GF/non-GF	\$0	\$0	\$171,952	\$0		
Program Total:	\$0	\$0		\$171,952		
Program FTE	0.00	0.00	1.00	0.00		
Program Revenues						
Total Revenue	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0		

Significant Program Changes

Last Year this program was: