

Department: District Attorney

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Program Offer Type: Operating

Program Offer Stage: Proposed

Related Programs:
Program Characteristics:
Program Description

MCDA's Justice Integrity Unit (JIU) manages matters implicating transparency and equity in the criminal justice system. This includes, but is not limited to, post-conviction relief litigation, motions to set aside convictions (expungements), Psychiatric Security Review Board and Parole Board hearings, certain hearings regarding violation of probation, review of clemency petitions, producing public records held by this office for inspection, and initial arraignment appearances on all criminal cases.

JIU DDAs appear at all criminal arraignments and present the State's position as to what level of restraint on a defendant's liberty, if any, is appropriate prior to trial. MCDA recognizes the substantial equity impacts of this responsibility and the immediate collateral consequences to defendants, victims, and the community of this decision. JIU DDAs work to promote consistency in release arguments and to ensure just and fair outcomes for all parties involved in a case.

MCDA acknowledges that harm from inequitable criminal justice policy has fallen disparately on communities of color. The intention and expectation of the JIU is that MCDA will address disparity in the criminal legal system. JIU tracks the demographic information related to cases that it works in order to measure that impact, and to ensure that this unit does not increase disparities that already exist.

MCDA works to expeditiously advance eligible applicants motions to have their criminal records expunged. This allows people who have exited the criminal justice system without incident for several years to avoid numerous collateral consequences that flow from having a criminal record. MCDA has modified its policies to reduce the number of defendants who would be denied expungement based on an inability to pay fines and fees in other matters. The result is equitable social outcomes for populations that are over-represented in the criminal justice system, and thus inequitably disadvantaged by it.

Performance Measures

Measure Type	Performance Measure	FY24 Actual	FY25 Budgeted	FY25 Estimate	FY26 Target
Output	Number of clemency petitions reviewed, and MCDA position (support/oppose) determined	0	10	5	10
Outcome	Number of applications screened for eligibility for resentencing under SB 819	67	550	100	100
Outcome	Number of expungement motions processed	9831	10,500	10,822	10,500

Performance Measures Descriptions

Legal / Contractual Obligation

ORS Ch. 135 - criminal arraignments;

ORS 192.314(1) "Every person has a right to inspect any public record of a public body in this state, except as otherwise expressly provided by ORS 192.338, 192.345 and 192.355."

ORS 137.225(2) - all motions to set aside are served on the district attorney; 120 days to respond. "The prosecuting attorney may object to a motion filed under subsection (1)(a) of this section and shall notify the court and the person of the objection within 120 days of the date the motion was filed with the court."

Revenue/Expense Detail

	Adopted General Fund	Adopted Other Funds	Proposed General Fund	Proposed Other Funds
Program Expenses	2025	2025	2026	2026
Personnel	\$2,816,758	\$380,843	\$2,818,488	\$391,704
Materials & Supplies	\$16,378	\$0	\$4,498	\$0
Internal Services	\$64,257	\$46,646	\$40,295	\$47,742
Total GF/non-GF	\$2,897,393	\$427,489	\$2,863,281	\$439,446
Program Total:	\$3,324,882		\$3,302,727	
Program FTE	14.14	2.46	14.13	2.47

Program Revenues				
Intergovernmental	\$0	\$427,489	\$0	\$439,446
Total Revenue	\$0	\$427,489	\$0	\$439,446

Explanation of Revenues

This program generates \$47,742 in indirect revenues.

Fed/State Funding:

\$225,553 - Edward Byrne Justice Assistance Grant (JAG-PPB). Continuous grant that partially funds 0.46 FTE of a DDA4 plus indirect expense.

\$213,893 - Edward Byrne Justice Assistance Grant (JAG-CJC). Funds 2.00 FTE administrative staff, indirect not allowed. Award of \$469,128 that began 2/01/24 and expected to extend through 9/30/26.

Significant Program Changes

Last Year this program was: FY 2025: 15021 Justice Integrity Unit

During Mid-Fiscal Year FY 2025, the Justice Integrity Unit (JIU) reorganized by taking on 9.60 FTE and duties from the now-dissolved Pretrial Unit. The work absorbed advances the mission of JIU and is more efficiently supervised under its umbrella. New duties include arraignments, public records provision, probation violation hearings, and matters relating to inter-state coordination with other prosecuting authorities.

Also, to more align with operations, 1.00 FTE DDA was moved from the Body Worn Cameras (BWC) program offer to this program offer.