

Department: District Attorney **Program Contact:** John Casalino

Program Offer Type: Administration **Program Offer Stage:** As Proposed

Related Programs:
Program Characteristics:

Executive Summary

This program funds the Division I Chief Deputy District Attorney to provide leadership, policy direction, long and short range planning and daily operational oversight for Division I, which is responsible for protecting some of the most vulnerable children, adults and families in the county. This division includes the Multi-Disciplinary Child Abuse Team (MDT), Domestic Violence (DV) Unit, Juvenile Court Trial Unit, and Support Enforcement Division (SED). The chief deputy district attorney (CDDA) directs these activities on behalf of children and families in a variety of leadership and liaison positions inside and outside the office to make our community more livable.

Program Summary

The Chief Deputy District Attorney of Division I is a member of senior level management with specific division level responsibilities to provide leadership, policy direction, strategic planning, problem solving and daily operational oversight for the division, which directly affects the lives and safety of children, teens, domestic violence survivors and families in Multnomah County. The Chief Deputy has direct and daily oversight responsibility for the Domestic Violence Team, Juvenile Unit, Multidisciplinary Child Abuse Team, and Child Support Enforcement Unit. The Chief Deputy also meets weekly to staff cases to determine appropriate and consistent pretrial resolutions for defendants facing mandatory minimum sentencing on indicted charges. The Division I Chief Deputy also prosecutes aggravated murder and murder. The MDT/Child Abuse Unit prosecutes felony crimes involving child victims including homicide, physical abuse, abandonment and neglect, and sexual assault of children where the perpetrator is considered family and protects vulnerable children through litigating dependency cases in juvenile court while coordinating child protection efforts and developing practices and policies to investigate and prosecute abuse and keep children safe and strengthen families. The Juvenile Unit prosecutes serious felonies and certain misdemeanors committed by those under 18 years of age. That Unit seeks community protection, reformation of the youth and restitution to victims of crime. The Support Enforcement Division (SED) establishes, modifies and enforces paternity, child support and medical support orders for the families of Multnomah County. The DV Unit prosecutes crimes involving victims and survivors of domestic violence including physical and sexual assaults, homicides and violations of restraining orders. The Division 1 Chief Deputy performs a critical, family justice liaison role with outside partners, including Department of Human Services and Child Protective Services, Department of Community Justice, all county police agencies, non-profit partners, the defense bar, and the court by serving on numerous collaborative working groups. These include the Family Violence Coordinating Council, Sexual Assault Response Team (SART), Domestic Violence Court Working Group, Multidisciplinary Child Abuse Team Executive Committee, Department of Community Justice Working Group, Juvenile Justice Council, State and Local Child Fatality Review Team, Child Welfare Council, LPSCC—Racial and Ethnic Disparities Subcommittee, Domestic Violence Fatality Review Team, and the Juvenile Justice Task Force.

Performance Measures

Measure Type	Primary Measure	FY19 Actual	FY20 Budgeted	FY20 Estimate	FY21 Offer
Output	Number of Division 1 cases reviewed (DV,MDT,Juv)	4,892	4,840	4,758	4,758
Outcome	Amount of child support collected (in Millions)	\$30	\$33.8	\$31	\$31

Performance Measures Descriptions

For additional MCDA Budget Information:

<https://www.mcda.us/index.php/documents/multnomah-county-district-attorneys-informational-budget-packet-fy-2021.pdf>

Legal / Contractual Obligation

ORS 8.760 - Deputies may be authorized and paid by county. The county court or board of county commissioners may empower the district attorney to appoint one or more deputy district attorneys whose compensation shall be fixed by the county court or board of county commissioners and paid out of the county funds in the same manner as county officers are paid. [Amended by 1961 c.586 §4]

Revenue/Expense Detail

	Adopted General Fund	Adopted Other Funds	Proposed General Fund	Proposed Other Funds
Program Expenses	2020	2020	2021	2021
Personnel	\$329,761	\$0	\$352,310	\$0
Materials & Supplies	\$5,000	\$0	\$5,300	\$0
Internal Services	\$147,896	\$0	\$168,991	\$0
Total GF/non-GF	\$482,657	\$0	\$526,601	\$0
Program Total:	\$482,657		\$526,601	
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 2020: 15100-20 Division I Administration

Due to county and state funding decisions in FY 2020, Division 1, suffered a detrimental impact that had severe consequences for child safety and families within Multnomah County.

Please see the Juvenile and MDT Program Offers. The Juvenile Program lost TPR and most dependency. This resulted in a significant reduction in safety and proactive measures that protect children and increase parental capacity. The MDT Unit had to vacate the MDT building at 102nd and Burnside and no longer is cohoused with law enforcement and DHS. This ended an evolved model of child protection that had existed since the 1990s. The MDT Unit moved to the Juvenile Court Building. Law Enforcement and DHS has noted that this has lessened the coordination, communication and collaboration that is essential to stop child abuse, strengthen families and hold those who harm children accountable.