

**Department:** District Attorney

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**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 & short range planning and daily operational oversight for Division I, which is responsible for protecting some of the most vulnerable and diverse children, adults and families in the county. This division includes the Multi-Disciplinary Child Abuse Team (MDT), Domestic Violence (DV) Unit, Juvenile Court Unit, and Support Enforcement Division (SED). Although racial minorities are over-represented as victims of abuse and as criminal defendants, DDAs and victim advocates engage with these families to reduce disparities and increase access to services. The chief deputy district attorney (CDDA) directs these activities in a variety of leadership and liaison positions inside and outside the office to make the community more livable and equitable.

**Program Summary**

The Chief Deputy District Attorney (CDDDA) 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 safety of children, teens, domestic violence survivors and families in the County. The CDDA regularly discusses case strategy, potential legal barriers and appropriate case resolutions to determine appropriate, consistent and equitable pretrial resolutions. Additionally, the CDDA prosecutes criminal abuse cases. Racial minorities and low income community members are over-represented both as victims of abuse and criminal defendants. Division 1 seeks to purposely address disparities by protecting vulnerable community members. The MDT/Child Abuse Unit prosecutes felony crimes where children are victims of homicide, physical and sexual abuse and neglect. This unit 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. Juvenile seeks community protection, reformation of the youth and restitution to crime victims while strengthening families via dependency. 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 & RO violations. The Division 1 Chief Deputy performs a critical, family justice liaison role with outside partners, including Department of Human 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   | FY20 Actual | FY21 Budgeted | FY21 Estimate | FY22 Offer |
|--------------|---|-------------|---------------|---------------|------------|
| Output       | Number of Division 1 Cases Reviewed (DV, MDT, Juvenile) | 4,930       | 4,758         | 4,507         | 4,718      |
| Outcome      | Amount of Child support collected (in Millions)         | 33          | 31            | 33            | 32         |

**Performance Measures Descriptions**

## 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<br>General Fund | Adopted<br>Other Funds | Proposed<br>General Fund | Proposed<br>Other Funds |
|------------------------|-------------------------|------------------------|--------------------------|-------------------------|
| Program Expenses       | 2021                    | 2021                   | 2022                     | 2022                    |
| Personnel              | \$332,492               | \$0                    | \$334,272                | \$0                     |
| Materials & Supplies   | \$5,300                 | \$0                    | \$4,500                  | \$0                     |
| Internal Services      | \$168,991               | \$0                    | \$20,669                 | \$0                     |
| <b>Total GF/non-GF</b> | <b>\$506,783</b>        | <b>\$0</b>             | <b>\$359,441</b>         | <b>\$0</b>              |
| <b>Program Total:</b>  | <b>\$506,783</b>        |                        | <b>\$359,441</b>         |                         |
| <b>Program FTE</b>     | 1.00                    | 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:** FY 2021: 15100 Division I Administration

Due to the COVID-19 Pandemic and school closures, among other things, mandatory child abuse reporting decreased. Law enforcement resources were redirected and child protective services were constrained. The child advocacy center, CARES NW, medically evaluated fewer children. This reduced the number of child abuse cases referred to MCDA. Criminal trials have nearly stopped. Because of the pandemic, MCDA had to rotate attorneys and staff into the office as required for critical duties and shifted to telework occasionally. Employees are still in-person working, physically appearing in court and going out into the community to serve while many other partners/departments have not engaged in in-person services. All of these circumstances, combined with ending the county's evolved MDT child system which cohoused law enforcement, DHS and prosecutors—an international recognized model that had existed since the 1990s—has lessened the coordination, communication and collaboration that is essential to stop child abuse, strengthen families and address disparate impacts of abuse. Family stressors, aggravated by the pandemic, dramatically increased the number of domestic violence cases referred to MCDA. SED has, however, been able to collect more funds for children and families. Internal service charges previously consolidated in this program are now allocated to individual units in Division I.