



Program #15102 - Domestic Violence Unit 4/17/2017

Department: District Attorney **Program Contact:** Chuck Sparks
Program Offer Type: Existing Operating Program **Program Offer Stage:** As Proposed
Related Programs: 15102B - Domestic Violence - Deputy District Attorney (1.00 FTE)
Program Characteristics:

Executive Summary

The Domestic Violence program screens and prosecutes all domestic violence cases, violations of restraining orders, civil commitments and participates in the Mental Health Court. This unit is made up of 7 DDAs and one intern all of which are supervised by one Senior DDA. This unit had three support staff including a legal assistant, a subpoena clerk and an issuing clerk. This high volume unit prosecutes more than 1,400 domestic violence cases annually, including under-served populations.

Program Summary

The Domestic Violence unit prosecutes all types of family or intimate partner violence including assaults, sex crimes, and homicides. Last year the unit screened and prosecuted 1,253 domestic violence cases including 547 misdemeanors, 364 felonies, and 342 restraining order violations. The crimes include all level of assault, sexual assault, kidnapping, harassment, and homicides. The unit works with our Victim Assistance program to assign an advocate to each case to provide outreach and access to support services for all victims of domestic violence and their families.

The unit works in collaboration with state and local law enforcement, the Multnomah County Department of Community Justice and a variety of local nonprofit domestic violence organizations and shelters. For example, the unit works closely with the Portland Police Bureau Domestic Violence Reduction Unit (DVRU) and the Domestic Violence Emergency Response Team (DVERT). The Senior Deputy of this unit is an Executive Committee member for the Family Violence Coordination Council and, the Domestic Violence Fatality Review, the DV court workgroup and is the Co-Chair of the local Chapter of Justice Jammers, a work group that meets to identify gaps in the justice system affecting domestic violence victim's safety and offender accountability.

The Domestic Violence Unit participates in the Deferred Sentencing program for eligible offenders. This program allows first time offenders an opportunity to earn a dismissal of the charge upon successful completion of a highly supervised and closely monitored program of batterer's intervention strategies and counseling. The Domestic Violence unit works with the county's Adult Protective Services agency to provide a specialized emphasis on the prosecution of elder abuse cases within Multnomah County. This unit acts as a resource for training of community partners, state and local law enforcement agencies. The unit dedicates a full time attorney to mental health court and civil commitments for the county.

Performance Measures

Measure Type	Primary Measure	FY16 Actual	FY17 Purchased	FY17 Estimate	FY18 Offer
Output	All Domestic Violence Cases Issued (Felony, Misdemeanor, Violation of Restraining Order)	1,444	1,500	1,152	1,241
Outcome	All Domestic Violence Cases Resolved (Felony, Misdemeanor, Violation of Restraining Order)	1,342	1,300	768	1,043
Output	All Domestic Violence Cases Reviewed (Felony, Misdemeanor, Violation of Restraining Order)	2,867	3,000	2,174	2,733

Performance Measures Descriptions

Legal / Contractual Obligation

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. 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 8.670 - Proceedings before magistrates and grand jury. The district attorney shall institute proceedings before magistrates for the arrest of persons charged with or reasonably suspected of public offenses, when the district attorney has information that any such offense has been committed, and attend upon and advise the grand jury when required.

Revenue/Expense Detail

	Proposed General Fund	Proposed Other Funds	Proposed General Fund	Proposed Other Funds
Program Expenses	2017	2017	2018	2018
Personnel	\$1,515,721	\$0	\$1,386,179	\$0
Contractual Services	\$37,000	\$0	\$26,400	\$0
Materials & Supplies	\$21,020	\$0	\$16,000	\$0
Internal Services	\$7,930	\$0	\$58,484	\$0
Total GF/non-GF	\$1,581,671	\$0	\$1,487,063	\$0
Program Total:	\$1,581,671		\$1,487,063	
Program FTE	11.00	0.00	10.00	0.00

Program Revenues				
Total Revenue	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0

Explanation of Revenues

Significant Program Changes

Last Year this program was: FY 2017: 15102 Domestic Violence Unit

1.00 FTE was transferred to program offer 15301.