

**Division:** Family Justice & Community Impact Division

**Program Characteristics:**

**Program Description**

The Misdemeanor Trial Unit (MTU) reviews and prosecutes all non-domestic violence misdemeanor cases referred to MCDA, determining whether prosecution is legally sufficient and appropriate. Unit attorneys manage cases from initial review through resolution, including trial preparation, court appearances, sentencing, and restitution, ensuring timely and consistent application of legal standards.

The MTU also staffs specialty dockets that provide alternatives to traditional prosecution, including Driving Under the Influence of Intoxicants (DUII) diversion and conditional discharge options for eligible misdemeanor drug cases, including cases impacted by House Bill 4002. Through careful case screening, alternative dispositions, and consistent trial readiness, the unit supports accountability while reserving more intensive system responses for cases that pose greater public safety concerns.

**Equity Statement**

The Misdemeanor Trial Unit promotes equitable outcomes by applying consistent legal screening and expanding access to diversion and alternative resolutions for low-level offenses where appropriate. These practices help reduce the disproportionate impact of misdemeanor enforcement on communities of color while maintaining fairness and accountability.

**Revenue/Expense Detail**

|                        | 2026<br>General Fund | 2026<br>Other Funds | 2027<br>General Fund | 2027<br>Other Funds |
|------------------------|----------------------|---------------------|----------------------|---------------------|
| Personnel              | \$3,109,757          | \$0                 | \$3,703,285          | \$0                 |
| Contractual Services   | \$79,900             | \$0                 | \$46,000             | \$0                 |
| Materials & Supplies   | \$23,000             | \$0                 | \$6,250              | \$0                 |
| Internal Services      | \$30,535             | \$0                 | \$1,866              | \$0                 |
| <b>Total GF/non-GF</b> | <b>\$3,243,192</b>   | <b>\$0</b>          | <b>\$3,757,401</b>   | <b>\$0</b>          |
| <b>Total Expenses:</b> | <b>\$3,243,192</b>   |                     | <b>\$3,757,401</b>   |                     |
| <b>Program FTE</b>     | 16.50                | 0.00                | 18.50                | 0.00                |
| <b>Total Revenue</b>   | <b>\$0</b>           | <b>\$0</b>          | <b>\$0</b>           | <b>\$0</b>          |

**Performance Measures**

| Performance Measure   | FY25<br>Actual | FY26<br>Estimate | FY27<br>Target |
|---|----------------|------------------|----------------|
| Number of misdemeanor cases set for trial resolved            | 1,158          | 600              | 800            |
| Number of misdemeanor cases offered specialty court diversion | 269            | 240              | 250            |