

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 (DUI) 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 General Fund	2026 Other Funds	2027 General Fund	2027 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
Total GF/non-GF	\$3,243,192	\$0	\$3,757,401	\$0
Total Expenses:	\$3,243,192		\$3,757,401	
Program FTE	16.50	0.00	18.50	0.00
Total Revenue	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0

Performance Measures

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