

Department: District Attorney

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Program Offer Type: Administration

Program Offer Stage: Adopted

Related Programs:
Program Characteristics:

Executive Summary

This program funds a chief deputy district attorney (CDDA) who provides leadership, policy direction, long and short-range planning, and daily operational oversight for Division II. This division includes Unit C, the Pretrial Unit, and the Strategic Prosecution and Services Unit (SPSU). Collectively these units handle a wide range of crimes, from aggravated murder and armed robbery to shoplifting and chronic criminal trespass. This division also handles a variety of non-trial matters. Although racial minorities are over-represented as crime victims and criminal defendants, Division II DDAs and DA victim advocates engage with the victims they serve to reduce the impacts of these disparities and increase access to services. Further, the Division II CDDA monitors plea bargaining practices to ensure consistency and improve equity of outcomes.

Program Description

The CDDA of Division II is a member of senior-level management with specific division level responsibilities to provide leadership, policy direction, long and short-range planning, and daily operational oversight. The CDDA has direct and daily oversight responsibility for 1) Unit C: a major felony trial unit ; 2) the Pretrial Unit: a non-trial unit ; and 3) the Strategic Prosecution and Services Unit: a trial unit prosecuting major and minor felonies. The Division II CDDA also has primary responsibility for a select caseload of complex aggravated murder and murder cases.

The Division II CDDA meets regularly with deputy district attorneys to discuss case strategy, potential legal barriers, and appropriate case resolution. Racial minorities are persistently over-represented both as crime victims and as criminal defendants. However, Division II DDAs and DA victim advocates engage with the victims they serve to reduce the impacts of these disparities by improving victims' understanding of the criminal justice system and increasing their direct access to services. The CDDA also presides over weekly case staffing meetings to determine appropriate and consistent pretrial plea bargain offers for defendants facing mandatory minimum sentencing on their indicted charges. These decisions also incorporate input from crime victims and align with MCDA and County values around equity and inclusion.

Lastly, the Division II CDDA performs a critical, criminal justice liaison role with outside partners focused on gang and group violence prevention. To that end, the Division II CDDA is a member of numerous collaborative working groups such as the Portland Area Gun Initiative, the PPB weekly Shooting Review, and the Community Peace Collaborative.

Performance Measures

Measure Type	Primary Measure	FY22 Actual	FY23 Budgeted	FY23 Estimate	FY24 Offer
Output	Number of Division II criminal cases reviewed for prosecution	5,630	10,500	4,790	7,500
Outcome	Number of Division II non-criminal fugitive cases, public record requests, extraditions, and expungements	2,094	3,150	6,566	11,774

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 General Fund	Adopted Other Funds	Adopted General Fund	Adopted Other Funds
Program Expenses	2023	2023	2024	2024
Personnel	\$367,284	\$0	\$396,600	\$0
Materials & Supplies	\$8,500	\$0	\$8,500	\$0
Internal Services	\$22,499	\$0	\$36,879	\$0
Total GF/non-GF	\$398,283	\$0	\$441,979	\$0
Program Total:	\$398,283		\$441,979	
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 2023: 15200 Division II Administration