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Program Offer Type: Existing Operating Program **Program Offer Stage:** As Proposed
Related Programs:
Program Characteristics:

Executive Summary

Unit C is a felony trial unit responsible for prosecuting a variety of very serious and mid-level felony crimes including homicides, robberies, weapons offenses, gang crimes, vehicular homicides, vehicular assaults, arson, residential burglaries and felony animal abuse. These crimes are predominantly person crimes, and many of the violent cases handled by this unit have long-lasting effects on the victimized community members.

Program Summary

Unit C works cooperatively with state and local law enforcement agencies to target and reduce the instances of violent offenses. In the continuum of prosecution services, this unit prosecutes mostly high-risk and some medium-level offenders. Due to the nature of these crimes, many cases handled in Unit C have high visibility in the community. Unit C works cooperatively with the Portland Police Bureau, Multnomah County Sheriff's Office, Gresham Police Department, and other local law enforcement agencies in the county to promote better case investigation and development by consulting with and training officers in the complex legal issues these cases present. Members of the unit are available to officers with questions 24 hours per day, 7 days per week. Due to the negative impact of group and gang violence in our community, Unit C attorneys are involved in numerous meetings with law enforcement and regularly attend community engagement and outreach programs. These events are used to address and educate the public, while utilizing evidence-based solutions to gang-related crimes in Multnomah County. Unit C collaborates with the US Attorney's Office the Bureau of Alcohol, Tobacco, Firearms and Explosives to vigorously prosecute the illegal use, possession and transfer of firearms. Hundreds of felony weapons cases are handled by Unit C annually, resulting in both state and federal prosecutions. Unit C is responsible for prosecuting all felony cases that result from unintentional vehicular collisions where serious physical injury or fatalities occur. Unit C attorneys are assigned to the vehicular crimes team and each attorney is on-call to respond to vehicular crashes approximately seven weeks per year. Unit C attorneys spend approximately six hours per incident responding to the scene of a crash and assisting law enforcement with the initial investigation. The program seeks to hold offenders accountable for committing serious person and property crimes and to keep victims protected.

Performance Measures

Measure Type	Primary Measure	FY19 Actual	FY20 Budgeted	FY20 Estimate	FY21 Offer
Output	Cases reviewed for prosecution by Unit C	924	950	900	900
Outcome	Percentage of presumptively prison eligible defendants diverted from prison to community supervision	55.4%	55%	55.0%	55.0%

Performance Measures Descriptions

For additional MCDA Budget Information:
<http://mcda.us/wp-content/uploads/2019/02/MCDA-Budget-Informational-Packet-FY-20.pdf>

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.

Revenue/Expense Detail

	Adopted General Fund	Adopted Other Funds	Proposed General Fund	Proposed Other Funds
Program Expenses	2020	2020	2021	2021
Personnel	\$2,213,947	\$0	\$2,609,507	\$0
Contractual Services	\$43,000	\$0	\$44,000	\$0
Materials & Supplies	\$18,500	\$0	\$20,900	\$0
Total GF/non-GF	\$2,275,447	\$0	\$2,674,407	\$0
Program Total:	\$2,275,447		\$2,674,407	
Program FTE	12.00	0.00	12.00	0.00

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

Explanation of Revenues

Significant Program Changes

Last Year this program was: FY 2020: 15201-20 Unit C