

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	2021	2021	2022	2022
Personnel	\$2,609,507	\$0	\$2,740,846	\$0
Contractual Services	\$44,000	\$0	\$58,250	\$0
Materials & Supplies	\$20,900	\$0	\$14,000	\$0
Internal Services	\$0	\$0	\$248,026	\$0
Total GF/non-GF	\$2,674,407	\$0	\$3,061,122	\$0
Program Total:	\$2,674,407		\$3,061,122	
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 2021: 15201 Unit C

In FY 2021, Unit C is experiencing a spike in firearms-related investigations and prosecutions. In 2020, there were 893 shooting incidents where a firearm was discharged and reported to Portland Police. This is a dramatic increase from 2019's 393 shooting incidents. Unit C has a corresponding increase in workload. Unit C is developing a program aimed at diverting cases that disparately affect high-risk members of impacted communities. Law enforcement continues to solicit the aid of Unit C DDAs to approve warrants and assist with criminal investigations and only some of these investigations result in viable prosecutions which are reflected case numbers. Unit C is also experiencing a dramatic increase in protest-related cases. Two Unit C DDAs work closely with the Strategic Prosecution Unit on processing the voluminous number of protest cases while maintaining their day-to-day unit obligations and a steadily growing caseload. COVID-19 continues to severely impact the case flow in the County's criminal justice system. COVID-19 impedes case resolutions and all in-court trial practice due to limitations set by local and Supreme Court judicial orders. New case initiation is restricted by the limited availability of grand jury. The pandemic requires Unit C to limit the presence of DDAs and staff physically in the office with remaining staff working remotely. Internal service charges increased due to reallocation to individual units.