



Program #15201B - Unit C - Gun Violence Case Backlog FY 2025 Proposed

Department: District Attorney **Program Contact:** Kirsten Snowden
Program Offer Type: Operating **Program Offer Stage:** Proposed
Related Programs:
Program Characteristics: New Request, One-Time-Only Request

Executive Summary

During the COVID 19 pandemic gun violence—shootings and homicides—increased in Multnomah County at record rates, exceeding all historical norms. There are a limited number of prosecutors with the experience and training to handle these complex cases. This program includes one-time-only General Fund funding for 1.00 Deputy District Attorney 3, which is part of a team of two prosecutors and two investigators assigned to gun violence reduction efforts in the community and to assist existing staff. This position will work to reduce the backlog of gun violence cases due to pandemic related court slowdowns.

Program Description

During the COVID 19 pandemic gun violence—shootings and homicides—increased in Multnomah County at record rates, exceeding all historical norms. Multnomah County now has one of the highest homicide rates in the United States. This violence disproportionately impacts BIPOC people and communities. Prosecutors respond to all homicide scenes to assist investigators. There are a limited number of prosecutors with the experience and training to handle these complex cases. This program includes continued funding of a Deputy District Attorney 3, which is part of a team of two prosecutors and two investigators assigned to gun violence reduction efforts in the community and to assist existing staff.

In addition to the increased rates of violent gun related crime, prosecutors are still handling a backlog of cases due to pandemic related court slowdowns.

Prosecutors utilize a public health model and an equity and racial justice approach to reduce harm, hold offenders accountable, and help survivors and victims of gun violence heal. When appropriate and to increase community safety, offenders receive court supervised drug, alcohol and mental health treatment programs rather than incarceration.

Performance Measures

Measure Type	Performance Measure	FY23 Actual	FY24 Budgeted	FY24 Estimate	FY25 Target
Output	Number of gun violence cases prosecuted.	216	110	220	220
Outcome	Number of BIPOC offenders diverted from prison to treatment based case resolutions	66	10	74	70

Performance Measures Descriptions

Revenue/Expense Detail

	Adopted General Fund	Adopted Other Funds	Proposed General Fund	Proposed Other Funds
Program Expenses	2024	2024	2025	2025
Personnel	\$373,134	\$0	\$289,331	\$0
Total GF/non-GF	\$373,134	\$0	\$289,331	\$0
Program Total:	\$373,134		\$289,331	
Program FTE	2.00	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 2024: 15304C Unit D – Gun Violence Case Management OTO

This DDA 3 position was funded with one-time-only General funding in FY 2024 in PO 15304B Unit D - Gun Violence Case Management. For FY 2025, this position has been moved to program offer 15201B - Unit C - Gun Violence Case Management and funded with one-time-only General funding.