



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

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Program Offer Type: New Request **Program Offer Stage:** Department Requested
Related Programs:
Program Characteristics: Out of Target

Executive Summary

In FY 2023, this was funded with American Rescue Plan (ARP) funds as One-Time-Only. Then, in FY 2024, of the 2.0 deputy district attorneys and 2.0 investigators that were backfilled with General Fund, 2.0 FTE were funded with One-Time-Only General Fund. In FY 2025, the investigator position will be funded within MCDA's General Fund constraint. This new program offer is requesting funding for the 1.0 DDA position.

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 requests the continued funding of a prosecutor, 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 | Department Requested General Fund | Department Requested Other Funds |
|------------------------|-------------------------|------------------------|---|--|
| Program Expenses | 2024 | 2024 | 2025 | 2025 |
| Personnel | \$373,134 | \$0 | \$290,364 | \$0 |
| Total GF/non-GF | \$373,134 | \$0 | \$290,364 | \$0 |
| Program Total: | \$373,134 | | \$290,364 | |
| 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 is in an out-of-target program offer 15201B - Unit C - Gun Violence Case Management.