

Program #15202 - Misdemeanor Trial Unit	2/17/2017
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Department:	District Attorney	Program Contact:	Kirsten Snowden
Program Offer Type:	Existing Operating Program	Program Offer Stage:	As Requested
Related Programs:			
Program Characteristics:	In Target		

Executive Summary

This 27-person program (11 DDAs, 16 Support Staff) holds offenders accountable by providing prosecution services for misdemeanor crimes. Intake attorneys review and issue charging documents on misdemeanor cases and directly respond to a variety of inquiries from members of the public regarding criminal law issues, and the criminal process in Multnomah County.

Program Summary

This program works collaboratively with the State courts and local law enforcement agencies to prosecute all misdemeanor crimes except those involving domestic violence. The attorneys assigned to Intake screen, issue or reject for prosecution misdemeanor offenses such as driving under the influence of intoxicants (DUII), resisting arrest, assault, sex abuse, theft, prostitution, stalking, trespass, strangulation and disorderly conduct. Intake attorneys also handle court appearances at the Justice Center including arraignments, DUII Diversion entries, Community Court and early resolution cases.

Cases involving non-violent offenders can also now be referred to the Community Courts located in downtown Portland and Gresham. These courts not only issue sanctions against offenders but also provide access to needed social services such as alcohol treatment, drug treatment and mental health services. With over 9,000 cases processed each year, the Community Courts offer a cost-effective collaboration between the state courts, prosecution and social service providers.

Attorneys assigned to the Misdemeanor Trial Unit prepare cases for trial and represent the State of Oregon in misdemeanor jury and bench trials. These attorneys also appear in court on other matters including pleas, sentencing's, probation violation hearings, and restitution hearings. Attorneys in the trial unit work collaboratively with the Neighborhood DA program by prosecuting their issued cases. Most non-violent offenders qualify for "Community Court" where they can earn a reduction or dismissal of their charges by giving back to local neighborhoods through community service while getting connected with needed social service programs. Offenders who decline or are ineligible for "Community Court" are prosecuted by the attorneys in the Misdemeanor Trial Unit. Because of the large volume of cases and the continued expansion of East County, prosecutors present cases to courts located in downtown Portland and also in Gresham.

Performance Measures					
Measure Type	Primary Measure	FY16 Actual	FY17 Purchased	FY17 Estimate	FY18 Offer
Output	Cases Issued	6,177	10,000	4,802	4,874
Outcome	Cases Resolved	5,546	8,500	5,635	5,198
Output	Cases Reviewed*	8,433	-	7,826	7,715

Performance Measures Descriptions
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*This is a new measure.

Legal / Contractual Obligation

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 8.660 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.

Revenue/Expense Detail

	Proposed General Fund	Proposed Other Funds	Proposed General Fund	Proposed Other Funds
Program Expenses	2017	2017	2018	2018
Personnel	\$1,649,387	\$0	\$1,720,480	\$0
Contractual Services	\$3,700	\$0	\$7,500	\$0
Materials & Supplies	\$28,075	\$0	\$61,800	\$0
Internal Services	\$93,532	\$0	\$182,920	\$0
Total GF/non-GF	\$1,774,694	\$0	\$1,972,700	\$0
Program Total:	\$1,774,694		\$1,972,700	
Program FTE	15.00	0.00	15.00	0.00

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

Explanation of Revenues

Significant Program Changes

Last Year this program was: FY 2017: 15202A Misdemeanor Trial Unit, Intake, Community

*This program has been split into 15202-18 Misdemeanor Trial Unit and 15204-18 Intake