

Department: District Attorney **Program Contact:** Mike Schmidt
Program Offer Type: Innovative/New Program **Program Offer Stage:** As Requested
Related Programs:
Program Characteristics: Out of Target

Executive Summary

This program seeks necessary supplemental funding to meet core county, constitutional and ethical prosecution obligations required by the growing practice of law enforcement use of Body Worn Cameras (BWC) while policing. This program request is in response to the substantial increase in capacity required by the use of BWCs by the City of Gresham, the Oregon State Police (OSP) and Portland State University (PSU). This program specifically seeks to increase capacity of the BWC Unit detailed in program 15012A - Body Worn Cameras.

Program Summary

This program seeks necessary additional funding for the BWC Unit detailed in Program 15012A. That program partially funded the BWC Unit with a 0.75 FTE Deputy District Attorney 2 and a 0.75 FTE Office Assistant 2. This program offer adds the resources necessary to review BWC video before charging. This is best practice. Trained investigators under the supervision of DDAs will perform an initial review. This also allows all footage currently received to be reviewed, and puts the office in a good position to manage the gradual increases anticipated as additional agencies come online over the next fiscal year.

The result of this offer being funded is to allow investigators to review all BWC footage prior to charging. Investigators are able to view crime scenes and witness/victim/suspect interviews through an unfiltered lens. Police conduct and interaction with the community can be meaningfully monitored and procedures put in place to increase police accountability and reduce disparity. Transparency and system confidence will increase by virtue of additional objective evidence available for subsequent review. Charging decisions will improve, leading to better, more just, outcomes. This all can only happen if the program is adequately staffed to review pre-charging. MCDA will be allowed to fulfill its obligation to the community. The net change of this program offer is to increase the level of the supervising prosecutor from level 2 to level 3 commensurate with the increased responsibility to manage and oversee a program area, as well as adding 5 investigators. This brings the unit to a total strength of 1 prosecutor, 5.5 investigators, and 1 legal assistant.

While there is still some uncertainty around the timing of the Portland Police Bureau (PPB) Body Worn Camera program coming online, as well as the potential for the Multnomah County Sheriff's Office (MCSO) to adopt the technology, making sure we have the resources to adequately review the footage provided by GPD, OSP and PSU will put us in a better position to absorb some of the gradual uptick of footage coming from new agencies. It should be anticipated that as other agencies add BWC programs MCDA will need to continue to increase capacity in order to keep pace with the department's obligations under the law.

Performance Measures

Measure Type	Primary Measure	FY21 Actual	FY22 Budgeted	FY22 Estimate	FY23 Offer
Output	Hours of body camera footage reviewed	N/A	N/A	N/A	1,906
Outcome	Hours of body camera footage received	N/A	N/A	N/A	2,627

Performance Measures Descriptions

Output - when combined with the footage reviewed in program offer 15205A - Body Worn Cameras, 90% of the 2,627 hours of footage received would be reviewed. Outcome - Hours of body camera footage received is not impacted by the addition of the program and therefore total shown matches that in 15205A - Body Worn Cameras

Revenue/Expense Detail

	Adopted General Fund	Adopted Other Funds	Requested General Fund	Requested Other Funds
Program Expenses	2022	2022	2023	2023
Personnel	\$0	\$0	\$848,871	\$0
Materials & Supplies	\$0	\$0	\$10,000	\$0
Internal Services	\$0	\$0	\$20,442	\$0
Total GF/non-GF	\$0	\$0	\$879,313	\$0
Program Total:	\$0		\$879,313	
Program FTE	0.00	0.00	6.00	0.00

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

Explanation of Revenues

Significant Program Changes

Last Year this program was: