



Program #15205B - Body Worn Cameras – Expansion **FY 2024 Department Requested**

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

Executive Summary

This program assists MCDA in meeting core constitutional and ethical prosecution obligations required by the growing use of body worn cameras (BWC) by law enforcement while policing. Use of BWCs by the City of Gresham Police Department (GPD), the Oregon State Police (OSP) and Portland State University (PSU) has been established and is increasing. This program will increase MCDA's capacity beyond the BWC Unit detailed in program 15205A - Body Worn Cameras - Gresham to accommodate review of a larger share of BWC footage received in order to more completely fulfill MCDA's constitutional and ethical obligation.

Program Description

The BWC Unit detailed in Program 15205A partially funds the BWC Unit with .75 FTE Deputy District Attorney 3, .75 FTE Legal Assistant 2 and 1.0 FTE DA Investigator. This expansion would add .25 FTE Deputy District Attorney 3, .25 FTE Legal Assistant 2 and 4.5 FTE DA Investigators. This expansion also allows a higher percentage of submitted footage to be reviewed. Funded at this level, the BWC unit will review only cases where a DDA has determined charges will be filed. Cases where charges are not filed will not be reviewed. At this level of funding not all submitted video can be reviewed, even on charged cases.

The ability to review body-worn camera footage affords investigators the opportunity to view crime scenes and witness, victim, and suspect interviews through an unfiltered lens. Police conduct and interaction with the community can be meaningfully monitored and procedures can be put in place to increase police accountability and reduce disparate impacts on historically marginalized groups. Transparency and system confidence will increase by virtue of additional objective evidence available for subsequent review. Body worn camera footage achieves multiple ends, providing both a venue for police oversight and evidence in a criminal investigation, in service to both a defendants' right to a fair trial and a victim's right to a thorough investigation of the harm they experienced.

Some uncertainty exists around the timing of the Portland Police Bureau BWC program coming online, as well as the potential for the Multnomah County Sheriff's Office to adopt the technology. 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 its obligations under the law.

Performance Measures

Measure Type	Primary Measure	FY22 Actual	FY23 Budgeted	FY23 Estimate	FY24 Offer
Output	Hours of body camera footage reviewed	591	1,000	1,288	1,000
Outcome	Hours of body camera footage received	2,962	4,200	3,220	3,000

Performance Measures Descriptions

Revenue/Expense Detail

	Adopted General Fund	Adopted Other Funds	Department Requested General Fund	Department Requested Other Funds
Program Expenses	2023	2023	2024	2024
Personnel	\$0	\$0	\$704,049	\$0
Total GF/non-GF	\$0	\$0	\$704,049	\$0
Program Total:	\$0		\$704,049	
Program FTE	0.00	0.00	5.00	0.00

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

Explanation of Revenues

Significant Program Changes

Last Year this program was: FY 2023: 15205B Body Worn Cameras - Expansion