

Program #15206 - Strategic Prosecution Unit

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FY 2025 Proposed

Department: District Attorney

Program Offer Type: Operating Program Offer Stage: Proposed

Related Programs:

Program Characteristics:

Executive Summary

MCDA's Strategic Prosecution and Services Unit (SPSU) utilizes community based resolutions when possible to address chronic criminal activity. SPSU attorneys recommend court supervised mental health services and drug addiction treatment when community safety will benefit rather than incarceration. Recidivism is reduced and safety is enhanced for crime victims through the efforts of SPSU. MCDA seeks equitable treatment of both victims and offenders in SPSU. The Multnomah County Justice Reinvestment Project (MCJRP) deputy district attorneys assigned to SPSU use data analysis to correct inequities and promotes court supervised mental health and drug treatment as an alternative to incarceration.

Program Description

The Strategic Prosecution and Services Unit (SPSU) is an evidence-based program addressing chronic offenders based on a national model. SPSU equitably identifies chronic offenders and seeks to divert them into court-supervised drug and mental health services when possible. The outcome is reduced recidivism by ending offense cycles, decreased reliance on incarceration and increased community safety.

Due to structural and historic racism, chronic offenders in Multnomah County are disproportionately represented. Deputy District Attorneys in SPSU are aware of racial and ethnic disparities and seek unbiased, fair and equitable case resolutions. Priority of SPSU is data-driven decisions based on safety, justice and equity.

The Multnomah County Justice Reinvestment Program (MCJRP) implements Multnomah County's historical responsible use of Oregon Department of Corrections (DOC), and other public safety resources, both before and after the passage of HB 3194. MCJRP also recognizes a continued desire and goal to improve its processes in order to have the best information available at important decision points throughout the public safety continuum. MCJRP DDAs utilize a process to assess offenders and provide a spectrum of community-based sanctions, services and programs that are designed to reduce recidivism, decrease the county's utilization of imprisonment in DOC institutions while protecting public safety and holding offenders accountable. Data analysis generated by the MCJRP deputy district attorney is utilized throughout MCDA to correct inequities and ensure fairness.

Performance Measures									
Measure Type	Performance Measure	FY23 Actual	FY24 Budgeted	FY24 Estimate	FY25 Target				
Output	Cases/Search warrants/police reports reviewed	9,500	12,000	12,640	14,000				
	Prosecutor contacts with community members and agency partners	18,000	20,000	29,200	31,000				

Performance Measures Descriptions

Legal / Contractual Obligation

House Bill 3194 (HB 3194), known as the Justice Reinvestment Act, was passed by the Oregon Legislature in 2013 and established the Justice Reinvestment Grant Program.

Revenue/Expense Detail

	Adopted General Fund	Adopted Other Funds	Proposed General Fund	Proposed Other Funds
Program Expenses	2024	2024	2025	2025
Personnel	\$1,437,860	\$885,661	\$1,561,692	\$588,449
Materials & Supplies	\$17,000	\$0	\$17,000	\$0
Internal Services	\$187,450	\$37,516	\$242,122	\$34,784
Total GF/non-GF	\$1,642,310	\$923,177	\$1,820,814	\$623,233
Program Total:	\$2,56	5,487	\$2,444,047	
Program FTE	5.44	4.06	6.47	3.03

Program Revenues							
Intergovernmental	\$313,467	\$923,177	\$0	\$623,233			
Other / Miscellaneous	\$316,569	\$0	\$0	\$0			
Service Charges	\$0	\$0	\$704,094	\$0			
Total Revenue	\$630,036	\$923,177	\$704,094	\$623,233			

Explanation of Revenues

This program generates \$34,784 in indirect revenues.

State Fund ~ MC Agreement with CJC Justice Reinvestment (MCJRP) Formula Grant Program = \$382,625

State Fund ~ MC Agreement with CJC Justice Reinvestment (MCJRP) Competitive Grant Program = \$140,608

Federal (Direct) Fund ~ BJA Hate Crimes Reporting and Response Initiative = \$100,000

Local Fund ~ Port of Portland = \$245,346 (Direct Revenue)

Local Fund ~ TriMet IGA = \$458,748 (Direct Revenue)

Significant Program Changes

Last Year this program was: FY 2023: 15206 Strategic Prosecution Unit

Moved 1.0 FTE DDA 1 position from this program offer to PO 15204A Pretrial.

Moved 1.0 FTE DDA 3 position from this program offer to the newly created Homicide Unit (PO 15305).

Added 1.0 FTE DDA 2 position funded by a service Intergovernmental Agreement (IGA) with Trimet.

Cut 1.0 FTE Research Evaluation Spec. Sr. position due to grant reductions.