

Division: Diversion & Strategic Prosecution Division

Program Characteristics:

Program Description

The Strategic Prosecution Unit (SPU) is an evidence-informed program that addresses high-volume system users through focused, data-guided prosecution and intervention. The unit identifies individuals responsible for repeated criminal activity that disproportionately impacts community safety and works to interrupt cycles of harm.

Using objective criteria and structured case review, SPU prosecutors determine when traditional prosecution alone is unlikely to improve outcomes and, when appropriate, seek court-supervised mental health treatment, substance use treatment, and structured community supervision. The unit also incorporates the MCDA Access Attorney Program, applying a place-based prosecution model that embeds prosecutors in designated communities to address local safety concerns through coordinated, non-carceral interventions and focused accountability.

By combining strategic prosecution, community engagement, and access to services, the SPU model aims to reduce repeat offending, limit reliance on incarceration, and improve long-term community safety.

Equity Statement

The Strategic Prosecution Unit promotes equitable outcomes by using objective data, consistent legal standards, and community-informed decision-making for individuals with frequent justice system involvement. By expanding access to treatment, diversion, and survivor-centered services in communities most affected by crime and victimization, the unit works to reduce disparities while prioritizing safety, fairness, and accountability.

Revenue/Expense Detail

	2026 General Fund	2026 Other Funds	2027 General Fund	2027 Other Funds
Personnel	\$1,580,624	\$163,424	\$2,410,647	\$294,388
Contractual Services	\$5,000	\$110,000	\$4,300	\$0
Materials & Supplies	\$17,000	\$0	\$19,500	\$1,929
Internal Services	\$22,599	\$0	\$14,981	\$34,382
Total GF/non-GF	\$1,625,223	\$273,424	\$2,449,428	\$330,699
Total Expenses:	\$1,898,647		\$2,780,127	
Program FTE	6.58	0.42	9.00	1.00
Program Revenues				
Intergovernmental	\$621,960	\$273,424	\$1,109,629	\$330,699
Total Revenue	\$621,960	\$273,424	\$1,109,629	\$330,699

Performance Measures

Performance Measure	FY25 Actual	FY26 Estimate	FY27 Target
Cases/Search warrants/police reports reviewed	890	1,400	1,400
Number of contacts with community members and agency partners	3,450	8,000	2,000