

Department: District Attorney

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Program Offer Type: Operating

Program Offer Stage: Adopted

Related Programs:
Program Characteristics:

Program Description

The MCDA Access Attorney Program (MAAP) operates in designated areas of the County identified through law enforcement data analysis to determine locations with the highest need for public safety intervention. MAAP Deputy District Attorneys (DDAs) work directly within these areas, collaborating with community members, stakeholders, and law enforcement to address local safety concerns and priorities. By engaging with residents, businesses, and partner agencies, MAAP DDAs foster relationships through ongoing meetings, events, and community outreach. They maintain these connections over time, ensuring they remain responsive, creative, and adaptable in addressing the specific needs of their assigned districts.

MAAP DDAs focus on local safety issues driven by community priorities, incorporating non-carceral solutions such as diversion programs, treatment, and restorative justice where appropriate. At the same time, they pursue accountability for high-volume system users—offenders whose actions disproportionately impact public safety in the area. To reduce barriers to access, MAAP DDAs are stationed in multiple locations, including libraries, community-based organizations (CBOs), and other community spaces. MAAP follows the same prosecutorial model as the Strategic Prosecution and Services Unit (PO 15206), handling cases within each district with focus, precision, and intentionality. Strategic prosecution ensures that cases produce positive outcomes for the community, connecting individuals to housing services, drug and mental health treatment, occupational training, and other resources that address the root causes of criminal behavior and reduce recidivism. MAAP resources are concentrated in areas with the highest levels of poverty, crime victims, and historically marginalized or underrepresented communities.

To support this work, MAAP DDAs receive assistance from critical support staff. A shared Victim Advocate fosters constructive relationships with crime victims, ensuring culturally competent and trauma-informed engagement. A shared Legal Assistant provides logistical support, enabling MAAP DDAs to efficiently initiate, track, and manage cases, contacts, and community events.

MAAP now also includes the Human Trafficking Unit (HTU), recognizing the overlap in mission and focus. HTU acknowledges that historical inequities and structural racism contribute to the overrepresentation of BIPOC individuals among those who are trafficked. The average age of trafficking survivors is under 16 years old. Because HT prosecutors work closely with community and system-based advocates to prioritize survivor safety and privacy, their inclusion within MAAP represents a natural and strategic consolidation of resources. Investigations and prosecutions in HTU proceed only with victim consent, adhering to trauma-informed practices and national best practices to ensure survivor-centered advocacy.

Performance Measures

Measure Type	Performance Measure	FY24 Actual	FY25 Budgeted	FY25 Estimate	FY26 Target
Output	Number of contacts with community members and stakeholders	185	150	185	185
Output	Number of community member resource referrals	105	35	100	100

Performance Measures Descriptions

Revenue/Expense Detail

	Adopted General Fund	Adopted Other Funds	Adopted General Fund	Adopted Other Funds
Program Expenses	2025	2025	2026	2026
Personnel	\$2,209,643	\$0	\$1,747,881	\$0
Materials & Supplies	\$9,000	\$0	\$9,000	\$0
Internal Services	\$162,295	\$0	\$26,517	\$0
Total GF/non-GF	\$2,380,938	\$0	\$1,783,398	\$0
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Program FTE	10.00	0.00	7.00	0.00

Program Revenues				
Intergovernmental	\$256,642	\$0	\$527,177	\$0
Other / Miscellaneous	\$76,698	\$0	\$0	\$0
Service Charges	\$704,094	\$0	\$0	\$0
Total Revenue	\$1,037,434	\$0	\$527,177	\$0

Explanation of Revenues

\$144,419 - City of Gresham, Gresham Police Department funds 50% MAAP Rockwood DDA.

\$144,419 - City of Portland, Portland Police Bureau funds 50% MAAP Rockwood DDA.

\$238,339 - Port of Portland funds 1.00 FTE DDA

\$499,890 - Tri-County Metropolitan Transportation District of Oregon (TriMet), funds 2.00 FTE DDAs

Significant Program Changes

Last Year this program was: FY 2025: 15207A MCDA Access Attorney Program (MAAP)

In FY 2025, 3.00 DDA3 FTE and 1.00 FTE Legal Assistant were funded with one-time-only general funds. In FY 2026, these 4.00 FTE will now be funded with ongoing general funds.

The 1.00 SHS Funded DDA FTE position that was moved from Misdemeanor Trial Unit (PO 15105) has been cut due to the loss of SHS Metro funding.

Moved 1.00 Admin FTE position from Unit A/B (PO 15301).

Moved 2.00 DDA FTE positions from Strategic Prosecution & Services Unit (PO 15206).

Reduced 1.00 DDA FTE position as a result of Board Amendment 34.