



Program #15207A - MCDA Access Attorney Program (MAAP) FY 2024 Department Requested

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Program Offer Type: New **Program Offer Stage:** Department Requested
Related Programs:
Program Characteristics: In Target

Executive Summary

The MCDA Access Attorney Program (MAAP) improves public safety by engaging and empowering community members, while increasing the public’s understanding of the criminal justice system and MCDA’s role. There are currently MAAP attorneys in three sites, focusing each attorney’s work on that particular geographic area. The MAAP attorneys and their support staff work with local community members, stakeholders, and law enforcement to identify and address local crime. The MAAP attorneys are located in a shared space with community agencies to encourage contact, and also reach out to the community by hosting and attending meetings and events.

Program Description

The MCDA Access Attorney Program strategically places deputy district attorneys (DDAs) into the community which allows each MAAP DDA to work with local community members, stakeholders, and law enforcement to identify the issues and priorities of that discrete area. MAAP DDAs also build relationships with the residents, businesses, and other agencies in that area by hosting and attending meetings and events relevant to their work and the community’s requests. MAAP DDAs will maintain these relationships over time, and will be responsive, creative, and flexible when addressing their district’s needs. MAAP DDAs help to address local safety issues driven by local priorities, incorporating non-carceral solutions such as diversion programs, treatment, and restorative justice where possible, while pursuing accountability for high volume systems users. MAAP DDAs will not be housed in police precincts because the presence of law enforcement may discourage some members of the community from accessing resources. To prevent this, MAAP utilizes shared spaces in the community, funded by nonprofit agencies, allowing partnerships to exist and engagement to occur without this unintended impact.

Because the MAAP DDAs work under the umbrella of the Strategic Prosecution and Services Unit (15206), they prosecute their district’s cases with focus, precision, and intentionality. The use of strategic prosecution ensures positive outcomes for the community and connects people directly to housing services, drug and mental health treatment, occupational training, and other resources which address the root causes of criminality and are proven to reduce recidivism. The resources of the program are focused within each MAAP DDA’s geographical area on the places with the highest concentration of poverty, crime victims, and historically marginalized or under-represented communities.

MAAP DDAs are supported by several critical support staff positions: A shared Victim’s Advocate will facilitate constructive relationships with crime victims, bringing added cultural competence and trauma-informed approaches to the program and community. A shared Legal Assistant will provide the logistical support necessary for the MAAP DDAs to efficiently initiate, maintain, and organize cases, contacts, and events in the community.

Performance Measures

Measure Type	Primary Measure	FY22 Actual	FY23 Budgeted	FY23 Estimate	FY24 Offer
Output	Number of contacts with community members and stakeholders	N/A	N/A	194	240
Outcome	Number of cases issued as a result of contacts	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A
Quality	% of contacts that rate service from MAAP program as meeting or exceeding their expectation	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A
Output	Number of community member resource referrals	N/A	N/A	24	30

Performance Measures Descriptions

As the MAAP is now up and running, MCDA proposes to eliminate Performance Measures 2 and 3 due to in ability to accurately collect required data.

Revenue/Expense Detail

	Adopted General Fund	Adopted Other Funds	Department Requested General Fund	Department Requested Other Funds
Program Expenses	2023	2023	2024	2024
Personnel	\$805,681	\$62,917	\$899,793	\$0
Materials & Supplies	\$0	\$0	\$9,000	\$0
Internal Services	\$0	\$0	\$90,493	\$0
Total GF/non-GF	\$805,681	\$62,917	\$999,286	\$0
Program Total:	\$868,598		\$999,286	
Program FTE	4.57	0.43	5.00	0.00

Program Revenues				
Intergovernmental	\$0	\$0	\$153,598	\$0
Total Revenue	\$0	\$0	\$153,598	\$0

Explanation of Revenues

Revenue IGA (Direct Other-Local) with the City of Gresham, Gresham Police Department \$153,598 - funds 1.00 FTE investigator for Gresham, BWC, and misdemeanor cases.

Significant Program Changes

Last Year this program was: FY 2023: 15207 MCDA Access Attorney Program (MAAP) Pilot

Other Funds FTE is increased due to renegotiated IGA revenue contract that previously funded only 0.43 FTE, but now funds 1.00 FTE for the services provided. This GPD-funded investigator position moved from Division 4 (PO 15402 Investigations) to Division 2.