

### Program #15207D - COMPASS Pilot Program

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FY 2024 Adopted

**Department:** District Attorney

**Program Offer Type:** Program Offer Stage: Adopted New

**Related Programs:** 

Program Characteristics: One-Time-Only Request

### **Executive Summary**

Every MAAP needs a Compass: Helping our Community Navigate their Way: To enhance the already meaningful impact of the MAAP, MCDA will further expand access to the justice system with the creation of "Compass Centers." Through robust partnerships with the Multnomah County Library, Sheriff's Office, Metropolitan Public Defenders, the Department of County Human Services, Compass Centers will offer varied, comprehensive, and useful resources to assist our community in navigating all kinds of legal and public safety related issues.

### **Program Description**

The MCDA Access Attorney Program has strategically placed several deputy district attorneys into the community, allowing each Access Attorney to work with local community members, stakeholders, and law enforcement to identify the issues and priorities of that discrete area. The Access Attorneys continue to 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. The Access Attorneys are not housed in traditional law enforcement locations, like the courthouse or police stations: they use shared spaces in the community, where partnerships can exist and engagement can occur without the obvious historical barriers these locations present for our communities.

Compass Center Structure: Continuing our commitment to building equitable and accessible programming, MCDA will include the Policy Director, Equity Manager, and Victim Advocacy Program in the creation of these community resource hubs. Facilitating the open, inviting, and public space already provided by our libraries, MAAP attorneys will host 'office hours' inside four (4) libraries across the county – ideally one library in each district. To maximize the public's ability to engage with this program, Compass Centers will be open during and outside of 'normal business hours' once per month (with the possibility to expand depending on the needs and desires of the specific geographic area). From 12:00 pm – 8pm, on the first Friday of every month, the Compass Center will be open for the public to facilitate a number of different services including: Expungement Services; Fines and Fee reduction/forgiveness; Warrant Removal; Victim Services; Legal Education; General Information about pending or closed legal matters; Health Insurance Access; Mental Health Service

Because of the breadth of services offered, MCDA must establish partnerships with several other agencies within the county system. Many of these services simply cannot be offered to the public without the presence of a defense attorney.

Performance Measures								
Measure Type	Primary Measure	FY22 Actual	FY23 Budgeted	FY23 Estimate	FY24 Offer			
Output	Number of persons assisted at the Compass Centers	N/A	N/A	N/A	200			
Outcome	Number of partnerships created	N/A	N/A	N/A	6			

#### **Performance Measures Descriptions**

# Revenue/Expense Detail

	Adopted General Fund	Adopted Other Funds	Adopted General Fund	Adopted Other Funds
Program Expenses	2023	2023	2024	2024
Contractual Services	\$0	\$0	\$50,000	\$0
Materials & Supplies	\$0	\$0	\$20,000	\$0
Total GF/non-GF	\$0	\$0	\$70,000	\$0
Program Total:	\$0		\$70,000	
Program FTE	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00

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

# **Explanation of Revenues**

# Significant Program Changes

Last Year this program was: