

Department: District Attorney

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Program Offer Type: Operating

Program Offer Stage: Proposed

Related Programs:
Program Characteristics:
Program Description

To enhance resource efficiency and ensure long-term success in treatment courts, MCDA established the Treatment Court Unit to centralize and stabilize staffing for specialty courts. Previously, treatment courts were spread across multiple units, with constantly rotating Deputy District Attorneys (DDAs) who had varied levels of experience and training in diversionary court models. By consolidating these courts under one unit, MCDA now provides dedicated resources, consistent staffing, and a team-based approach to treatment courts, including the Multnomah County Justice Reinvestment Program (MCJRP).

MCJRP continues Multnomah County's longstanding efforts to use Oregon Department of Corrections (DOC) resources responsibly while improving decision-making across the public safety continuum. MCJRP DDAs assess offenders and apply community-based sanctions, services, and programs designed to reduce recidivism, limit reliance on state incarceration, and protect public safety while holding offenders accountable. Data analysis from MCJRP informs policies across MCDA to correct inequities and ensure fairness.

START Court (Success Through Accountability, Restitution, and Treatment) diverts individuals facing presumptive prison sentences into a treatment-focused court program. Participants must engage in substance use treatment, secure housing and employment where applicable, and remain crime-free. START has been nationally recognized for its effectiveness and innovation in public safety.

STEP Court (Strategic Treatment and Engagement Program) follows a similar structure to START but serves individuals charged with Ballot Measure 11 offenses. Unlike START, STEP does not require participants to have a substance use disorder. The program includes trauma support, cognitive behavioral therapy, and intensive supervision by the Department of Community Justice.

Mental Health Court provides treatment and medication stabilization for individuals whose mental health contributed to their criminal conduct. Participants receive intensive community supervision and regular court appearances. This role also covers select Civil Commitment proceedings, typically held in community health facilities.

DUII Intensive Supervision Program (DISP) diverts repeat DUII offenders from prison into court-supervised treatment, including group therapy, victim impact panels, and medical alcohol cessation. Given the high-risk nature of this population, most participants return to court weekly for several years.

Performance Measures

Measure Type	Performance Measure	FY24 Actual	FY25 Budgeted	FY25 Estimate	FY26 Target
Outcome	Percentage of cases involving the primary charge diverted from prison	N/A	N/A	60%	60%
Output	Number of new specialty court participants (STEP, DISP, START, MHC)	N/A	N/A	200	200

Performance Measures Descriptions

Revenue/Expense Detail

	Adopted General Fund	Adopted Other Funds	Proposed General Fund	Proposed Other Funds
Program Expenses	2025	2025	2026	2026
Personnel	\$445,472	\$563,419	\$418,904	\$688,157
Internal Services	\$0	\$34,784	\$0	\$49,467
Total GF/non-GF	\$445,472	\$598,203	\$418,904	\$737,624
Program Total:	\$1,043,675		\$1,156,528	
Program FTE	2.21	2.79	1.21	3.29

Program Revenues				
Intergovernmental	\$0	\$523,233	\$0	\$737,624
Total Revenue	\$0	\$523,233	\$0	\$737,624

Explanation of Revenues

This program generates \$49,467 in indirect revenues.

\$386,412 - MCJRP Formula Grant. Assumes the same funding for 2025-2027 as the amount awarded in 2023-2025, with 49% allocated to year 1 of award.

\$150,911 - MCJRP Competitive Grant. Assumes the same funding for 2025-2027 as the amount awarded in 2023-2025, with 49% allocated to year 1 of award.

\$74,976 - START Court Grant. Assumes the same funding for 2025-2027 as the amount awarded in 2023-2025, with 49% allocated to year 1 of award.

\$125,325 - STEP Court Grant. Assumes the same funding as the amount award in FY 2025.

Significant Program Changes

Last Year this program was:

This is a newly created program offer with FTE reallocated from other program offers:

In order to meet the FY 2026 general fund constraint, the START Court DDA FTE that was moved from Unit A/B (15203) to this unit, has been cut.

Half of DDA 4 FTE (0.50) from the Child Support Enforcement (15104) now overseeing both Treatment Court and Child Support Enforcement.

2.50 DDA FTE and 0.50 Admin FTE moved from Strategic Prosecution & Services Unit (15206). All funded by HB3194 (MCJRP).

1.00 (Mental Health) DDA FTE moved from the Domestic Violence Unit (15102).