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Program Offer Type:	Existing Operating Program	Program Offer Stage:	As Proposed
Related Programs:			
Program Characteristics:			

Executive Summary

Felony trial Unit D prosecutes cases involving violent person crimes committed against non-related victims and survivors including aggravated murder and other criminal homicides, sexual assaults, kidnapping, weapon assaults and official misconduct. These cases involve some of the most serious or highest level offenders.

Program Summary

Deputy district attorneys (DDAs) in this unit work in close cooperation with federal, state and local law enforcement agencies to prosecute some of the most serious, dangerous, violent and upsetting conduct that occurs in Multnomah County. The program protects community members from grave harm and holds offenders accountable through the prosecution of crimes involving aggravated murder, other types of homicide, aggravated assault, kidnap, sexual assaults including rape and child pornography. Additionally, in cooperation with a variety of law enforcement and other agencies, this program investigates and, when appropriate, prosecutes cases involving official misconduct of public officials. The program is a key partner in the East County Major Crimes Team which targets and responds to the most serious crimes in the East County communities. Through its inter-agency cooperation, collaboration, and prosecution efforts, this program is a key part of holding high and medium level offenders accountable for committing serious person crimes. When appropriate, offenders are offered probation in lieu of presumptive prison sentences and receive mental health and addiction treatment under court supervision as an alternative to incarceration.

The DDAs in this unit are some of the most highly skilled trial attorneys in the office that have experience in complex legal issues. Routinely, they are called to the scene of homicides and serious assaults at all hours of the night during the week and weekends throughout the county. These DDAs provide legal counsel and investigation direction to law enforcement to ensure the integrity of the case and to safeguard the rights of the victim and the accused. Because of the sensitive, personal, violent and upsetting nature of the crimes prosecuted in Unit D, the deputy district attorneys in this program have specialized training to assist survivors and victims cope with the trauma caused by offenders and to ensure victims and survivors have a voice in the criminal justice process. A victim advocate is assigned to each case in Unit D supporting the survivors and victims and working closely with the case prosecutor. Meetings with survivors and victims typically occur before the case is formally indicted and continue through case resolution. Survivors and victims have the opportunity to provide input at the various stages of case prosecution including pretrial release considerations, settlement negotiations and sentencing hearings.

These DDAs are involved in several policy efforts to try and make our community free of violence and hate.

Performance Measures

Measure Type	Primary Measure	FY19 Actual	FY20 Budgeted	FY20 Estimate	FY21 Offer
Output	Percentage of presumptively prison eligible defendants diverted from prison to community supervision	50.8%	45%	52%	52%
Outcome	Percentage of cases with a crime victim/sexual assault survivor	91.3%	95%	92%	92%

Performance Measures Descriptions

For additional MCDA Budget Information:

<https://www.mcda.us/index.php/documents/multnomah-county-district-attorneys-informational-budget-packet-fy-2021.pdf>

Legal / Contractual Obligation

ORS 8.660 Attending court and prosecuting offenses. (1) The district attorney shall attend the terms of all courts having jurisdiction of public offenses within the district attorney's county, and, except as otherwise provided in this section, conduct, on behalf of the state, all prosecutions for such offenses therein. ORS 8.665 Prosecuting violations. Upon the issuance of a citation by any person authorized to issue citations for violations, a district attorney shall prosecute the case if it appears that a violation has occurred. ORS 8.670 Proceedings before magistrates and grand jury.

Revenue/Expense Detail

	Adopted General Fund	Adopted Other Funds	Proposed General Fund	Proposed Other Funds
Program Expenses	2020	2020	2021	2021
Personnel	\$1,553,564	\$0	\$1,753,079	\$235,458
Contractual Services	\$107,000	\$0	\$110,000	\$0
Materials & Supplies	\$26,100	\$0	\$29,200	\$0
Internal Services	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$54,438
Total GF/non-GF	\$1,686,664	\$0	\$1,892,279	\$289,896
Program Total:	\$1,686,664		\$2,182,175	
Program FTE	8.00	0.00	8.00	1.00

Program Revenues				
Intergovernmental	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$289,896
Total Revenue	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$289,896

Explanation of Revenues

This program generates \$54,438 in indirect revenues.
\$289,896 Bureau of Justice Assistance - Sexual Assault Kit Elimination

Significant Program Changes

Last Year this program was: FY 2020: 15304-20 Unit D - Violent Person Crimes