



**Program #15305 - Homicide Unit** **FY 2024 Department Requested**

**Department:** District Attorney **Program Contact:** Don Rees  
**Program Offer Type:** New **Program Offer Stage:** Department Requested  
**Related Programs:**  
**Program Characteristics:** Out of Target

**Executive Summary**

The Multnomah County murder rate reached historic levels in 2021 and 2022. In the City of Portland, deputy district attorneys responded to over 90 homicide scenes with police investigators in each of those years. This number substantially exceeds the 20 year average of 28 homicides. This program funds one Level IV DDA, one victim advocate, one investigator and one legal assistant in a newly created homicide unit to address this epidemic.

**Program Description**

This program is part of an effort to address the historically unprecedented number of homicides, the majority related to gun violence, in Multnomah County. Both the victims and the perpetrators of these homicides are disproportionately members of BIPOC communities and the impact of these crimes is reaching into families, schools and neighborhoods with traumatic consequences. Homicide cases are frequently complex and involve protracted litigation. The Homicide Unit consists of experienced and specially trained prosecutors, investigators, victim advocates and staff dedicated to investigating and prosecuting homicide cases in an equitable manner and promoting racial justice. Intergenerational violence and trauma is addressed by members of the Homicide Unit working in collaboratively with community and agency partners. Deputy District Attorneys respond to all homicide scenes with police investigators, assist with legal issues during the investigation, attend autopsies and meet with family members of the deceased along with victim advocates. DA investigators provide follow up resources, locate witnesses, serve subpoenas and may assist with trial preparation and security details. Victim advocates are required by Oregon law to provide services to family members of the deceased with trauma informed care through the legal process.

**Performance Measures**

Measure Type	Primary Measure	FY22 Actual	FY23 Budgeted	FY23 Estimate	FY24 Offer
Output					
Outcome					

**Performance Measures Descriptions**

**Revenue/Expense Detail**

	<b>Adopted General Fund</b>	<b>Adopted Other Funds</b>	<b>Department Requested General Fund</b>	<b>Department Requested Other Funds</b>
<b>Program Expenses</b>	<b>2023</b>	<b>2023</b>	<b>2024</b>	<b>2024</b>
Personnel	\$0	\$0	\$624,670	\$0
Contractual Services	\$0	\$0	\$5,000	\$0
Materials & Supplies	\$0	\$0	\$10,000	\$0
Capital Outlay	\$0	\$0	\$30,000	\$0
<b>Total GF/non-GF</b>	<b>\$0</b>	<b>\$0</b>	<b>\$669,670</b>	<b>\$0</b>
<b>Program Total:</b>	<b>\$0</b>		<b>\$669,670</b>	
<b>Program FTE</b>	0.00	0.00	4.00	0.00

<b>Program Revenues</b>				
<b>Total Revenue</b>	<b>\$0</b>	<b>\$0</b>	<b>\$0</b>	<b>\$0</b>

**Explanation of Revenues**

**Significant Program Changes**

Last Year this program was: