

Program #15305 - Homicide Unit

FY 2026 Proposed

Department: District Attorney**Program Contact:** Todd Jackson**Program Offer Type:** Operating**Program Offer Stage:** Proposed**Related Programs:****Program Characteristics:****Program Description**

The Homicide Unit consists of five experienced Deputy District Attorneys (DDAs) who focus their work exclusively on homicide cases. The Homicide Unit was created in response to a dramatic increase in the number of homicides in Multnomah County. Working closely with investigators and staff, Homicide Unit members seek equitable treatment for offenders, justice for victims, and ultimately to reduce the number of homicides committed in Multnomah County. Homicide Unit DDAs are assigned new cases from the beginning: responding to homicide scenes to assist investigators, attending autopsies and then seeking charges in homicide cases.

Because homicide cases are complex, involve novel legal issues, and are frequently high profile and the subject of intense community interest, DDAs in the Homicide Unit are among the most experienced prosecutors at MCDA. The Homicide Unit was created after homicide numbers peaked in 2022 with 108 people killed in Multnomah County, mostly involving gun violence. The twenty year average for homicides in Portland was only 28. MCDA Homicide Unit DDAs responded to 82 homicide/death investigations in Multnomah County in 2024. Prosecutors in the Homicide Unit use trauma informed and equity practices in their approach to cases seeking fair, unbiased outcomes for offenders and justice for victims. The ultimate goal of the Homicide Unit is to reduce gun violence and homicides in the community.

Performance Measures

Measure Type	Performance Measure	FY24 Actual	FY25 Budgeted	FY25 Estimate	FY26 Target
Output	Number of homicide scene call outs a DDA attended and assisted (new measure)	N/A	N/A	60	60
Input	Percent of DDAs with at least 10 years of legal experience in the justice system	N/A	83%	63%	75%

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	\$1,461,854	\$0	\$1,383,339	\$0
Contractual Services	\$10,000	\$0	\$10,000	\$0
Materials & Supplies	\$0	\$0	\$12,000	\$0
Internal Services	\$0	\$0	\$97,117	\$0
Total GF/non-GF	\$1,471,854	\$0	\$1,502,456	\$0
Program Total:	\$1,471,854		\$1,502,456	
Program FTE	5.00	0.00	5.00	0.00

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

Explanation of Revenues

Significant Program Changes

Last Year this program was: FY 2025: 15305 Homicide Unit