

Division: Violent Crimes Division

Program Characteristics:

Program Description

The Homicide Unit prosecutes cases involving homicide, the most serious crimes handled by MCDA. The unit focuses exclusively on these cases, where careful legal analysis, early coordination with investigators, and consistent application of legal standards are essential to public safety and justice.

Deputy District Attorneys assigned to the Homicide Unit partner with law enforcement from the earliest stages of a case, including responding to homicide scenes and working closely with detectives throughout the investigation. This early and sustained involvement supports thorough case development, accountability for unlawful violence, and meaningful engagement with victims' families.

Through focused prosecution and close collaboration with investigative partners, the Homicide Unit seeks to resolve cases in a way that provides accountability, supports victims and families, and helps prevent further violence, strengthening public trust in the justice system.

Equity Statement

The Homicide Unit promotes fair and unbiased prosecution by applying consistent legal standards and trauma-informed practices from the outset of each case through resolution. By emphasizing accountability, transparency, and respectful engagement with victims' families, the unit supports equitable treatment and helps build trust in communities most affected by lethal violence.

Revenue/Expense Detail

	2026 General Fund	2026 Other Funds	2027 General Fund	2027 Other Funds
Personnel	\$1,383,339	\$0	\$1,546,244	\$0
Contractual Services	\$10,000	\$0	\$49,450	\$0
Materials & Supplies	\$12,000	\$0	\$8,500	\$0
Internal Services	\$97,117	\$0	\$0	\$0
Total GF/non-GF	\$1,502,456	\$0	\$1,604,194	\$0
Total Expenses:	\$1,502,456		\$1,604,194	
Program FTE	5.00	0.00	5.00	0.00
Total Revenue	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0

Performance Measures

Performance Measure	FY25 Actual	FY26 Estimate	FY27 Target
Number of homicide scene call outs a DDA attended and assisted	72	80	70
Number of homicide cases issued	61	94	80