

Program #15402 - Investigations 6/25/2019

Department: District Attorney **Program Contact:** Paul Weatheroy
Program Offer Type: Existing Operating Program **Program Offer Stage:** As Adopted
Related Programs:
Program Characteristics:

Executive Summary

The Investigations unit assists Deputy District Attorneys in the investigation of cases and performs other functions ancillary to court proceedings such as the service of subpoenas, preparation of court exhibits, interviewing witnesses, transporting victims and witnesses to court, and the gathering and protecting of evidence. Investigators are under the general supervision of the Chief Investigator and are directly employed by the District Attorney.

Program Summary

The Investigations unit is staffed by 1 Chief Investigator and 8.5 FTE experienced investigators. Investigators are utilized in the juvenile, support enforcement and trial divisions of the District Attorney’s Office. Investigators works closely and in cooperation with federal, state and local law enforcement agencies and Deputy District Attorneys to provide investigation services for felony and misdemeanor cases. The program provides case specific evidence gathering and evaluation, location of witnesses, witness interviews and transport for testimony, court testimony, video redaction of 911 tapes and video evidence, background investigations and personal service of subpoenas that require witness court appearance. Investigations are a crucial and integral part of the prosecution of all criminal investigations.

The Investigations unit provides support in criminal prosecutions which directly affects the lives and safety of children, teens, families, LGBT, houseless and other vulnerable populations that have been victims in Multnomah County. Investigators perform all of the duties listed above and other critical tasks needed to support Deputy District Attorneys and help them protect the community and hold defendants accountable.

Furthermore, communities of color have historically been underserved in Multnomah county. We have assembled a diverse, gifted, caring and committed Investigative team, more reflective of the community we serve. Over 50% of our team includes people of color, and 2 fluent Spanish speakers.

Investigators are sometimes required to provide security for the District Attorney, deputy district attorneys, other court personnel, or witnesses who have been threatened by hostile subjects.

Performance Measures

Measure Type	Primary Measure	FY18 Actual	FY19 Purchased	FY19 Estimate	FY20 Offer
Output	Subpoenas Issued	4,482	4,401	4,500	4,550
Outcome	Subpoenas Served	4,320	4,516	4,400	4,450

Performance Measures Descriptions

For additional MCDA Budget Information:
<http://mcda.us/wp-content/uploads/2019/02/MCDA-Budget-Informational-Packet-FY-20.pdf>

Legal / Contractual Obligation

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.

Revenue/Expense Detail

	Proposed General Fund	Proposed Other Funds	Proposed General Fund	Proposed Other Funds
Program Expenses	2019	2019	2020	2020
Personnel	\$319,795	\$423,226	\$337,536	\$433,087
Materials & Supplies	\$20,300	\$0	\$25,750	\$0
Internal Services	\$59,254	\$35,086	\$49,329	\$31,269
Total GF/non-GF	\$399,349	\$458,312	\$412,615	\$464,356
Program Total:	\$857,661		\$876,971	
Program FTE	2.56	3.44	2.59	3.41

Program Revenues				
Intergovernmental	\$0	\$458,312	\$0	\$464,356
Total Revenue	\$0	\$458,312	\$0	\$464,356

Explanation of Revenues

\$408,478 Investigations, Intergovernmental Agreement with City of Portland, Local
\$55,878 Investigations, Intergovernmental Agreement with City of Gresham, Local

Significant Program Changes

Last Year this program was: FY 2019: 15402-19 Investigations

The Chief Investigator is a member of the Multnomah County Threat Assessment Team, which is a multidisciplinary team, including professionals from local, state and federal law enforcement, mental health organizations and representatives from local universities and community colleges. MCTAT identifies and helps manage threats against organizations and members of our community.