

Program #15402 - Investigations Unit
FY 2026 Proposed
Department: District Attorney

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Program Offer Type: Operating

Program Offer Stage: Proposed

Related Programs:
Program Characteristics:
Program Description

The Investigations Unit is led by the Chief District Attorney Investigator and staffed by experienced District Attorney Investigators. Every division and unit of the office utilizes investigative services. Investigators work closely with Federal, State, and local law enforcement agencies. The program provides case specific evidence gathering and evaluation, location of witnesses, witness interviews and transport for testimony, court testimony, redaction of 911 tapes and video evidence, background investigations, and personal service of subpoenas that require witness court appearance.

Investigators are a critical part of the core function of MCDA. The Investigations Unit supports criminal prosecutions by performing tasks unique to their qualifications and skill set. 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. As the community and MCDA continues to reckon with the historical truths of over-representation of persons of color in all facets of the justice system, investigators are front line ambassadors. MCDA has assembled a diverse, gifted, caring and committed investigative team, reflective of the community.

Members of the Investigations Unit have developed unique skills and are called upon every day to use those skills and learn new skills. Additionally, investigators serve as the primary threat assessment team when office members are the subject of threats - including threats of bodily harm or death.

Performance Measures

Measure Type	Performance Measure	FY24 Actual	FY25 Budgeted	FY25 Estimate	FY26 Target
Output	Subpoenas issued	1995	2300	1426	1426
Outcome	Subpoenas served	742	600	1410	1410

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	\$1,679,948	\$100,000	\$1,940,408	\$86,126
Contractual Services	\$0	\$0	\$10,000	\$0
Materials & Supplies	\$24,500	\$0	\$94,500	\$0
Internal Services	\$262,628	\$0	\$208,692	\$0
Total GF/non-GF	\$1,967,076	\$100,000	\$2,253,600	\$86,126
Program Total:	\$2,067,076		\$2,339,726	
Program FTE	10.32	0.68	11.45	0.55

Program Revenues				
Intergovernmental	\$0	\$100,000	\$0	\$86,126
Service Charges	\$971,601	\$0	\$1,027,471	\$0
Total Revenue	\$971,601	\$100,000	\$1,027,471	\$86,126

Explanation of Revenues

\$532,693 - City of Portland IGA. Funds 3.00 FTE investigators

\$159,938 - Gresham Police Department IGA. Funds 1.00 FTE investigator

\$334,840 - TriMet IGA. Funds 2.00 FTE investigators

\$86,126 - Hate Crimes Response & Initiative Supplemental Grant. Supplemental award of \$300,000 that began 3/22/2024-09/30/2026.

Significant Program Changes

Last Year this program was: FY 2025: 15402A Investigations Unit

To better align with operations, moved 1.00 Admin FTE position from Unit A/B (15203). In FY 2025, this position was funded with one-time-only general fund. In FY 2026, this position is now funded with ongoing general fund.