



Program #15402B - Investigations - Restoration of 2.00 Investigators FY 2025 Proposed

Department: District Attorney **Program Contact:** Peter Simpson
Program Offer Type: Restoration Request **Program Offer Stage:** Proposed
Related Programs:
Program Characteristics:

Executive Summary

The Investigations Unit assists deputy district attorneys, victim advocates, and legal staff in the investigation of cases, locating, interviewing and transporting witnesses, serving subpoenas, preparation of court exhibits, and the gathering and protecting of evidence. Often, an investigator makes the initial contact with a witness or crime victim. Investigators are excellent communicators to a diverse community and are expertly trained in cultural competence and problem solving. COVID-19 has presented challenges to the legal requirements of personal subpoena service. The backlog of trial work will lead to a spike in all forms of investigator service requests. This program offer restores 2.00 FTE DA Investigator positions.

Program Description

Investigators are a critical part of the core function of the District Attorney's Office. 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. Reviewing, compiling, and editing body worn camera data, for example. 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	FY23 Actual	FY24 Budgeted	FY24 Estimate	FY25 Target
Output	Subpoenas issued	N/A	N/A	N/A	575
Output	Subpoenas served	N/A	N/A	N/A	150

Performance Measures Descriptions

Revenue/Expense Detail

	Adopted General Fund	Adopted Other Funds	Proposed General Fund	Proposed Other Funds
Program Expenses	2024	2024	2025	2025
Personnel	\$0	\$0	\$313,026	\$0
Total GF/non-GF	\$0	\$0	\$313,026	\$0
Program Total:	\$0		\$313,026	
Program FTE	0.00	0.00	2.00	0.00

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

Explanation of Revenues

Significant Program Changes

Last Year this program was: FY 2024: 15402 Investigations