

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

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Program Offer Type: Restoration Request Program Offer Stage: Department Requested

Related Programs:

Program Characteristics: Out of Target

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.

Program Description

The purpose of this program offer is to request the restoration of the 2.0 FTE DA Investigator positions. In order to meet the general fund constraint, these positions were submitted as reductions.

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 provide 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.

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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	Department Requested General Fund	Department Requested Other Funds
Program Expenses	2024	2024	2025	2025
Personnel	\$0	\$0	\$314,072	\$0
Total GF/non-GF	\$0	\$0	\$314,072	\$0
Program Total:	\$0		\$314,072	
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

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