

Program #15403B - Body Worn Cameras - Expansion

FY 2025 Department Requested

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

Related Programs:

Program Characteristics: Out of Target

Executive Summary

This program offer is a request for the Body Worn Camera (BWC) expansion with Portland Police Bureau coming on-line with their BWC program and Multnomah County Sheriff's Office standing up their own BWC program in FY 2025. This program provides funding for review of police BWC footage. In order to safeguard the rights of the accused and protect crime victims, law enforcement footage should be reviewed prior to charging. This promotes better charging decisions and increases police accountability and equity in our community.

Program Description

During the FY 2024 budget process, MCDA requested funding for the expansion of the Body Worn Camera (BWC) Unit. But, during that time, there was still some uncertainty around the timing of the Portland Police Bureau BWC program coming online, as well as the potential for the Multnomah County Sheriff's Office to adopt the technology. Due to these uncertainties, the Chair set funding aside in the General Fund contingency for the expansion of the Body Worn Cameras (BWC) Unit, until there was more information surrounding timelines and what the workload would look like. In November of 2023, this General Fund Contingency request was approved by the Board through a budget modification. However, General Fund Contingency is one-time-only, in nature. This is an on-going program and this request is continued funding into FY 2025.

In order to fulfill obligations to the community, when properly resourced, all BWC footage should be viewed prior to charging a community member with a crime. BWC footage allows DDAs to view crime scenes and witness/victim/suspect interviews through an unfiltered lens. Police conduct and interaction with the community can be meaningfully monitored and procedures put in place to increase police accountability, reduce disparity and increase equity. Transparency and system confidence increase by virtue of additional objective evidence available for subsequent review.

This program offer would fund an additional 3.0 FTE positions.

Performance Measures									
Measure Type	Performance Measure	FY23 Actual	FY24 Budgeted	FY24 Estimate	FY25 Target				
Output	Hours of body camera footage reviewed	1207	1,000	1,500	1,700				
Outcome	Hours of body worn camera footage received	3866	3000	8000	10000				

Performance Measures Descriptions

Performance Measurements same as PO 15403A due to FY 2024 including this portion of the budget.

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	\$513,408	\$0
Materials & Supplies	\$0	\$0	\$265,000	\$0
Total GF/non-GF	\$0	\$0	\$778,408	\$0
Program Total:	\$0		\$778,408	
Program FTE	0.00	0.00	3.00	0.00

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

Explanation of Revenues

Significant Program Changes

Last Year this program was: FY 2024: 15205A Body Worn Cameras - Gresham