Multnomah County				
Program #15306 - Post	Conviction Program			6/27/2018
Department:	District Attorney	Program Contact:	Don Rees	
Program Offer Type:	Existing Operating Program	Program Offer Stage:	As Adopted	
Related Programs:				
Program Characteristic	s:			

Executive Summary

The program includes responsibilities which represent a new approach to criminal justice where the district attorney takes the lead in reviewing claims of actual innocence and wrongful conviction. The program expands upon this cutting edge approach by utilizing this dedicated position (the "Post-Conviction Deputy) as the office resource for internal professional training and development related to handling these critical cases, to include "best practices", ethics, and avoidance of repeating past mistakes.

Program Summary

The program represents a first for Oregon and one of only a limited number of such programs in the nation. When responding to a claim of actual innocence or wrongful conviction, case review requires thorough, committed and unrelenting effort. These challenges have involved cases some of which date from the 1980's and 1990's. This post-conviction review is complicated by the passage of time including obtaining old archival records, retention and storage of evidence, as well identifying and contacting original law enforcement investigators, victims, witnesses. This case review also requires analysis of past litigation, including trial transcripts, appeal briefs and state or federal post-conviction challenges. Finally, these cases are challenging to determine the availability and significance of potential new forensic testing including DNA, as well, the significance of past and present laws.

In addition, the program deputy is responsible for additional post-conviction case support including liaison to the Governor when the office responds to petitions for Executive Clemency, liaison with the Oregon Board of Parole for purposes of Murder review, Exit interview and Dangerous Offender release hearings, liaison to the Oregon Department of Justice in its response to Oregon statute based petitions for Post-Conviction Relief and federal petitions for Habeas Corpus relief, hearings before the Psychiatric Security Review Board (PSRB) matter to determine whether a person found Guilty but Insane should continue to be subject to PSRB supervision or discharge.

Performance Measures							
Measure Type	Primary Measure	FY17 Actual	FY18 Purchased	FY18 Estimate	FY19 Offer		
Output	PSRB cases reviewed	61	80	65	65		
Outcome	PSRB cases actively pursued	20	60	25	25		
Performance Measures Descriptions							

Revenue/Expense Detail

	Proposed General Fund	Proposed Other Funds	Proposed General Fund	Proposed Other Funds		
Program Expenses	2018	2018	2019	2019		
Personnel	\$227,547	\$0	\$216,619	\$0		
Materials & Supplies	\$1,600	\$0	\$0	\$0		
Internal Services	\$3,682	\$0	\$473	\$0		
Total GF/non-GF	\$232,829	\$0	\$217,092	\$0		
Program Total:	\$232	\$232,829		\$217,092		
Program FTE	1.00	0.00	1.00	0.00		
Program Revenues						
Total Revenue	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0		

Significant Program Changes

Last Year this program was: FY 2018: 15306 Post Conviction Program