



Multnomah County Requested Budget

FY 2027 (July 1, 2026 - June 30, 2027)

District Attorney Add Package Name

DA-AP-1: 15403B - Digital Evidence Expansion

Type	Priority	Impacted Program Offer(s)		
Addition	1	15403B - Digital Evidence Management Unit - Expansion		
OTO / Ongoing	Total Expenses	Total FTE	General Fund	Other Funds
Ongoing	\$870,000	2.75 FTE	\$870,000	

Program Offer Description

This program offer provides ongoing funding to sustain staffing and core technology that support MCDA's Digital Evidence Management function. The request continues funding for 2.75 FTE and the digital evidence management platform, which are necessary to meet MCDA's constitutional and ethical obligations in cases involving body-worn camera footage and other digital evidence. These positions and system costs were previously funded on a one-time basis and are now requested as ongoing to ensure operational continuity.

Body-worn camera footage and other digital evidence play a central role in modern prosecutions by providing objective documentation of crime scenes, witness interactions, and law enforcement conduct. Dedicated staffing ensures that this evidence is reviewed, summarized, redacted when required, and prepared for discovery in a timely and legally compliant manner, supporting informed charging decisions and trial readiness.

The technology platform enables MCDA to securely receive, manage, and disclose large volumes of digital evidence from law enforcement agencies, businesses, and victims and witnesses. Continued investment in this system allows prosecutors to access evidence efficiently, preserves the integrity of digital files through audit trails, and supports discovery practices that are reliable, transparent, and defensible.

Equity Statement

Sustained funding for Digital Evidence Management ensures that prosecutorial decisions are informed by complete and objective evidence, supporting fair and consistent outcomes across cases. By enabling thorough review and appropriate redaction of digital evidence, this investment promotes transparency, accountability, and equitable treatment while strengthening public trust in the justice system.

Performance Measure	FY 2025 Actual	FY 2026 Estimate	FY 2027 Target
Hours of body worn camera footage reviewed	1,947	1,690	1,750
Tasks related to editing or redacting digital evidence in support of prosecutions	167	290	375

Ledger Category Expenses

Ledger Category

Personnel		\$496,241
Materials & Supplies		\$373,759

Job Profile and FTE Additions

Job Profile Name

District Attorney Investigator		2.50 FTE
Legal Assistant Senior		0.25 FTE



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DA-AP-2: 15050 - Senior Legal Assistants Expansion

Type	Priority	Impacted Program Offer(s)
Addition	2	15050 - Senior Legal Assistants – Expansion
OTO / Ongoing		
Ongoing		
		Total Expenses
		\$381,690
		Total FTE
		3.00 FTE
		General Fund
		\$381,690
		Other Funds

Program Offer Description

This program offer expands MCDA's legal administrative staff capacity by adding 3.00 FTE Senior Legal Assistants, allowing attorneys to focus on legal work that fully utilizes their professional training and expertise. Senior Legal Assistants perform advanced case preparation and administrative functions that are essential to timely, accurate prosecution and efficient court operations.

This request builds on prior analysis identifying historical under-investment in senior-level legal support as a structural challenge. Heavy caseloads have required Deputy District Attorneys to perform administrative and procedural tasks that can be completed more efficiently and cost-effectively by trained legal assistants. Expanding Senior Legal Assistant capacity improves case flow and productivity while representing a more efficient use of resources than adding additional attorneys.

In addition to operational benefits, this expansion supports workforce development by strengthening MCDA's legal support career ladder. Increasing senior-level positions creates clear pathways for advancement, improves retention, and supports professional growth for legal support staff, contributing to a more stable and resilient workforce. Together, these improvements enhance case readiness, reduce delays, and support consistent, high-quality prosecution across divisions.

Equity Statement

The Senior Legal Assistant expansion supports equity by improving consistency and timeliness in case processing, which benefits victims, defendants, and communities impacted by delays. By investing in career advancement and professionalization of legal support staff, this request also promotes workforce equity and long-term organizational stability.

Performance Measure	FY 2025 Actual	FY 2026 Estimate	FY 2027 Target
Time savings for attorneys on administrative work in hours per fiscal year (NEW)	N/A	N/A	783
Time savings for attorneys on case preparation work in hours per fiscal year (NEW)	N/A	N/A	1566

Ledger Category Expenses

Ledger Category

Personnel  \$381,690

Job Profile and FTE Additions

Job Profile Name

Legal Assistant Senior  3.00 FTE



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DA-AP-3: 15206B - Strategic Prosecution Expansion

Type	Priority	Impacted Program Offer(s)		
Addition	3	15206B - Strategic Prosecution Unit - Expansion		
OTO / Ongoing	Total Expenses	Total FTE	General Fund	Other Funds
Ongoing	\$1,100,000	6.00 FTE	\$1,100,000	

Program Offer Description

This program offer expands MCDA's Strategic Prosecution capacity to respond to emerging crime trends that cause disproportionate harm to community safety, livability, and economic vitality in Multnomah County. Rather than funding fixed, crime-specific task forces, this investment supports a flexible, evidence-based model that allows MCDA to identify, prioritize, and coordinate responses to new crime patterns as they emerge.

Strategic Prosecution uses data, case review, and system-wide coordination to identify high-impact crime trends and determine where focused prosecutorial attention can be most effective. This includes assessing case viability, aligning prosecutorial resources, and convening law enforcement, victim services, and community partners to support targeted, lawful, and efficient responses.

MCDA's role in Strategic Prosecution is distinct from traditional law enforcement functions. The office does not replace investigative responsibilities, but serves as a central facilitator that evaluates legal sufficiency, identifies cross-case patterns, and coordinates prosecution strategies that advance compassionate accountability and maximize public safety impact without duplicating effort.

This expansion replaces prior, narrowly defined task force investments with a durable framework that can adapt to changing conditions and support coordinated, evidence-informed responses over time.

Equity Statement

The Strategic Prosecution expansion supports equity by using objective data and consistent criteria to identify emerging crime trends and guide prosecutorial focus. By targeting responses based on harm and impact, rather than geography or visibility alone, this model helps reduce disparities and ensures resources are applied fairly and effectively.

Performance Measure	FY 2025 Actual	FY 2026 Estimate	FY 2027 Target
Cases/Search warrants/police reports reviewed	N/A	N/A	700
Number of contacts with community members and agency partners	N/A	N/A	1,000

Ledger Category Expenses

Ledger Category

Personnel	<div style="width: 80%; background-color: #2e8b57; height: 10px; margin-bottom: 5px;"></div> \$1,077,312
Materials & Supplies	<div style="width: 5%; background-color: #2e8b57; height: 10px; margin-bottom: 5px;"></div> \$22,688

Job Profile and FTE Additions

Job Profile Name

Data Analyst	<div style="width: 20%; background-color: #2e8b57; height: 10px; margin-bottom: 5px;"></div> 1.00 FTE
Deputy District Attorney 2	<div style="width: 30%; background-color: #2e8b57; height: 10px; margin-bottom: 5px;"></div> 3.00 FTE
District Attorney Investigator	<div style="width: 20%; background-color: #2e8b57; height: 10px; margin-bottom: 5px;"></div> 1.00 FTE
Legal Assistant 2	<div style="width: 20%; background-color: #2e8b57; height: 10px; margin-bottom: 5px;"></div> 1.00 FTE



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DA-AP-4: 15105B - Misdemeanor Trial Unit, East County Expansion

Type	Priority	Impacted Program Offer(s)
Addition	4	15105B - Misdemeanor Trial Unit - East County Deputy
OTO / Ongoing		Total Expenses
Ongoing		\$206,275
		Total FTE
		1.00 FTE
		General Fund
		\$206,275
		Other Funds

Program Offer Description

This request restores a Misdemeanor Trial Unit attorney position eliminated in FY 2024 to address significant growth in misdemeanor workload, particularly in East County. Over the past year, Gresham misdemeanor referrals increased from roughly 650 cases to more than 1,200 cases, alongside continued growth in countywide misdemeanor filings, driven largely by property and public-order offenses. In addition to the existing 1.00 FTE East County Deputy District Attorney, this additional position will be responsible not only for case review but also for all East County Courthouse dockets, diversion matters, and early resolution cases. Restoring this position is necessary to maintain timely case processing and effective misdemeanor prosecution in East County.

Equity Statement

East County communities experience disproportionate impacts from property and public-order crime and rely on timely court access and case resolution for stability and safety. Restoring this position supports more consistent court coverage, reduces delays, and improves access to early resolution and diversion options. This investment helps ensure that residents and defendants in East County receive equitable access to justice.

Performance Measure	FY 2025 Actual	FY 2026 Estimate	FY 2027 Target
Number of misdemeanor cases offered specialty court diversion	N/A	N/A	13
Number of misdemeanor cases set for trial resolved	N/A	N/A	40

Ledger Category Expenses

Ledger Category

Personnel  \$206,275

Job Profile and FTE Additions

Job Profile Name

Deputy District Attorney 1  1.00 FTE



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District Attorney Add Package Name

DA-AP-5: 15305B - Homicide Deputy Attorney Addition

Type	Priority	Impacted Program Offer(s)		
Addition	5	15305B - Homicide Unit – Senior Deputy District Attorney		
OTO / Ongoing	Total Expenses	Total FTE	General Fund	Other Funds
Ongoing	\$154,993	0.00	\$154,993	

Program Offer Description

This program offer funds the difference between an existing Deputy District Attorney 3 and a Senior Deputy District Attorney (DDA4) position in MCDA's Homicide Unit to strengthen leadership, case continuity, and accountability in the prosecution of homicide cases. Senior-level supervision is essential in cases involving the most serious harm, complex legal issues, and significant community impact.

Homicide cases require early prosecutorial involvement, sustained coordination with investigators, and careful legal judgment from charging through resolution. A Senior Deputy District Attorney provides experienced oversight, supports case strategy, and ensures consistent application of legal standards across cases, particularly as homicide caseloads and complexity have increased in recent years.

This position enhances MCDA's ability to respond effectively to violence by supporting timely case development, mentoring less experienced prosecutors, and maintaining continuity in long-running investigations and trials. By strengthening leadership within the Homicide Unit, this investment supports compassionate accountability, improves case outcomes for victims and families, and reinforces public confidence in the justice system.

Equity Statement

The Senior Deputy District Attorney position supports equity by promoting consistent, trauma-informed decision-making in homicide prosecutions from the earliest stages through resolution. By strengthening oversight and continuity in cases that disproportionately affect certain communities, this investment helps ensure that all victims and families receive equal attention, care, and accountability under the law.

Performance Measure	FY 2025 Actual	FY 2026 Estimate	FY 2027 Target
Number of homicide cases issued	N/A	N/A	8
Number of homicide scene call outs a DDA attended and assisted	N/A	N/A	7

Ledger Category Expenses

Ledger Category

Personnel  \$154,993

Job Profile and FTE Additions