



Multnomah County Requested Budget

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

District Attorney Reduction Package Name

DA-RP-1: 15206 - Strategic Prosecution Unit Reduction

Type	Priority	Impacted Program Offer(s)	
Reduction	1	15206 - Strategic Prosecution Unit	
Total Expenses		Total FTE	General Fund
(\$1,033,588)		(3.00) FTE	(\$1,033,588)
			Other Funds

Description

Eliminates 2.00 FTE Deputy District Attorney 3 and 1.00 FTE Deputy District Attorney 4. This is the East County MCDA Access Attorney Program (MAAPs) Deputy, the Central MAAPs Deputy, and the supervising MAAPs attorney. The Strategic Prosecution Unit, which now includes the former MCDA Access Attorney Program, reflects our commitment to community engagement and neighborhood-based prosecution. These roles strengthen trust and provide tailored responses to local concerns. However, they are resource-intensive and represent a discretionary investment. With resource constraints, we cannot sustain this level of specialization and must prioritize core functions and statutory obligations. This reduction will also diminish our ability to proactively engage law enforcement partners on emerging livability issues, limiting collaborative responses to community safety concerns.

Eliminating these positions will limit proactive engagement in neighborhoods and decrease access to community-based justice strategies, which could disproportionately affect communities historically underserved by traditional systems. Additionally, reduced capacity to address property crime and related offenses will negatively impact small businesses and local economic vitality in areas already struggling with crime-related losses.

Ledger Category Reductions

Ledger Category

Personnel (\$1,033,588) [REDACTED]

Job Profile and FTE Reductions

Job Profile Name

Deputy District Attorney 3 (2.00) FTE [REDACTED]

Deputy District Attorney 4 (1.00) FTE [REDACTED]



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District Attorney Reduction Package Name

DA-RP-2: 15101, 15203, 15302 - Senior Legal Assistants Reduction

Type	Priority	Impacted Program Offer(s)	
Reduction	2	15101 - Juvenile Unit 15203 - Property & Narcotics Unit 15302 - Robbery, Traffic, & Guns Unit	
Total Expenses (\$386,103)		Total FTE (3.00) FTE	General Fund (\$386,103)
		Other Funds	

Description

Eliminates 3.00 FTE Senior Legal Assistants created through an internal reallocation to meet longstanding need to shift administrative responsibilities from Deputy District Attorneys to legal staff. These positions were created through an internal reallocation to address a longstanding gap in administrative support. Senior Legal Assistants allow attorneys to focus on legal work that fully utilizes their expertise, improving efficiency and case-handling capacity. Eliminating these roles will prevent progress toward a more modernized, balanced workflow and force attorneys to continue performing administrative tasks, an approach that is neither efficient nor sustainable for a high-performing system.

Removing these positions will erode workforce equity by disproportionately increasing workload strain on attorneys and reducing opportunities for professional growth among support staff. At the same time, this shift will slow case processing and increase delays, disproportionately affecting vulnerable community members who rely on timely resolutions. Increased attorney workload could also reduce the quality and speed of legal proceedings, undermining equitable access to justice and creating system inefficiencies that elevate costs and strain across the justice system.

Ledger Category Reductions

Ledger Category

Personnel (\$386,103) [REDACTED]

Job Profile and FTE Reductions

Job Profile Name

Legal Assistant Senior (3.00) FTE [REDACTED]



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District Attorney Reduction Package Name

DA-RP-3: 15209 - Treatment Court Civil Commitment Reduction

Type	Priority	Impacted Program Offer(s)	
Reduction	3	15209 - Treatment Court Unit	
Total Expenses		Total FTE	General Fund
(\$222,680)		(1.00) FTE	(\$222,680)
		Other Funds	

Description

The Treatment Court Unit plays a critical role in Civil Commitment proceedings involving individuals experiencing acute behavioral health crises, where timely action, specialized legal knowledge, and coordination with clinical partners are essential. In FY 2026, MCDA added a dedicated Civil Commitment DDA to strengthen consistency, expertise, and responsiveness in these nuanced and high-stakes hearings, representing a significant step forward in the County's ability to address severe mental illness through lawful intervention. If this position is eliminated, Civil Commitment coverage will return to a shared staffing model using misdemeanor Deputy District Attorneys and Certified Law Students. This shift would reduce specialized capacity and increase reliance on attorneys managing competing responsibilities in other high-demand areas, including Mental Health Court, limiting the office's ability to respond effectively to individuals in acute crisis.

Civil Commitment proceedings involve individuals experiencing acute behavioral health crises and require timely coordination and specialized legal knowledge. Eliminating this position will reduce consistency and efficiency in case handling and increase workload strain on staff balancing multiple responsibilities. This reduction limits the office's ability to provide focused attention in proceedings with significant liberty and safety implications.

Ledger Category Reductions

Ledger Category

Personnel (\$222,680) [REDACTED]

Job Profile and FTE Reductions

Job Profile Name

Deputy District Attorney 2 (1.00) FTE [REDACTED]



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DA-RP-4: 15203 - Property/Narcotics Unit

Type	Priority	Impacted Program Offer(s)	
Reduction	4	15203 - Property & Narcotics Unit	
Total Expenses		Total FTE	General Fund
(\$233,478)		(1.00) FTE	(\$233,478)
			Other Funds

Description

This reduction eliminates 1.00 FTE Deputy District Attorney 2 from the Property & Narcotics Unit, which manages a high volume of felony cases. In prioritizing limited resources, MCDA focused on preserving capacity in units responsible for the most complex and time-intensive person-crime prosecutions, recognizing that any reduction creates workload pressures across the office. Eliminating this position will require redistribution of approximately 120 active felony cases among remaining deputies. Over time, this reduction limits the office's ability to pursue individualized case resolutions that address underlying causes of criminal behavior and connect defendants to appropriate resources, increasing reliance on default statutory resolutions.

Property and drug offenses disproportionately affect low-income communities and communities of color, both as victims and as individuals involved in the justice system. Reduced capacity in this unit increases reliance on more standardized case processing and limits opportunities for individualized resolutions that address underlying drivers of criminal behavior. This reduction also constrains entry-level felony training opportunities, which may affect workforce development and long-term efforts to build and retain a diverse prosecutorial workforce.

Ledger Category Reductions

Ledger Category

Personnel (\$233,478) [REDACTED]

Job Profile and FTE Reductions

Job Profile Name

Deputy District Attorney 2 (1.00) FTE [REDACTED]



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District Attorney Reduction Package Name

DA-RP-5: 15021 - Justice Integrity Unit Reduction

Type Reduction	Priority 5	Impacted Program Offer(s) 15021 - Justice Integrity Unit	
Total Expenses (\$198,411)	Total FTE (1.00) FTE	General Fund (\$198,411)	Other Funds

Description

Eliminates 1.00 FTE Deputy District Attorney 3, add back \$108,604 for temporary labor (certified law students). The Justice Integrity Unit handles specialized functions beyond core prosecution, including review of SB 819 petitions, support for clemency applications, and participation in community-based expungement and warrant clinics. These services help ensure timely review of applications to set aside convictions and provide second-chance opportunities. The loss of this position means the unit will need to contract any work not directly mandated by statute. Remaining attorneys will absorb increased caseloads and court time, making conviction set-aside reviews less timely and limiting participation in community-based initiatives. Certain responsibilities in the unit will be shifted to certified law students to mitigate workload impacts associated with eliminating this position.

Reducing this position will slow or halt review of SB 819 petitions and clemency applications, disproportionately affecting individuals seeking relief from convictions. Delays in expungement and warrant clinics risk perpetuating barriers to employment and housing, increasing long-term social and economic costs.

Ledger Category Reductions

Ledger Category

Personnel (\$198,411) [REDACTED]

Job Profile and FTE Reductions

Job Profile Name

Deputy District Attorney 3 (1.00) FTE [REDACTED]



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DA-RP-6: 15003 - MCDA Finance Unit Reduction

Type Reduction	Priority 6	Impacted Program Offer(s) 15003 - Finance Unit	
Total Expenses (\$189,115)	Total FTE (1.00) FTE	General Fund (\$189,115)	Other Funds

Description

This position supports core financial functions, including budget development, fiscal compliance, and year-end closing, while serving as a backup for other team members. It was identified as the most logical reduction to demonstrate commitment to streamlining administrative overhead in the context of budget constraints. Eliminating this role reduces redundancy and internal capacity but preserves prosecutorial services, aligning with our priority to protect direct service functions.

Eliminating this position will increase workload strain on remaining staff and reduce capacity for timely, accurate budget analysis. Reduced fiscal oversight also risks inefficiencies that elevate other system costs.

Ledger Category Reductions

Ledger Category

Personnel (\$189,115) [REDACTED]

Job Profile and FTE Reductions

Job Profile Name

Finance Specialist Senior (1.00) FTE [REDACTED]