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Program Offer Type: Existing Operating Program **Program Offer Stage:** As Requested
Related Programs:
Program Characteristics: In Target

Executive Summary

The primary goal of the Victim Assistance Program is to make the criminal justice system more responsive to individual citizens, particularly to victims of crime. The District Attorney's Office continuously works to ensure for crime victims a meaningful role in the criminal and juvenile justice system, while affording them due dignity and respect. To this end, it is the philosophy of the office that every effort be made to maximize victim involvement at every possible stage of a criminal case. The office is committed to full implementation of Victims Rights as embodied in Oregon law.

Program Summary

Victim Advocates will work directly with crime victims to explain the criminal justice system, including what rights are available to them; provide court accompaniment; offer referral information to appropriate community services and guide victims through the prosecution process.

The program also provides 24-hour on-call response to victims of sexual assault. We carry out this effort with a team of paid staff and over 40 volunteers. This immediate crisis intervention service is then followed by ongoing support and advocacy throughout the investigation and prosecution of the case.

Currently there is an enhanced focus on improving all aspects of obtaining restitution for victims of crime. As a result of this focus impressive improvements have been made, and other possibilities for improvement are being studied.

All victims of crimes being prosecuted by the District Attorney's Office receive: information about their rights as victims; opportunity to submit information about their losses for restitution; and notification letters on the case status and disposition.

Performance Measures

Measure Type	Primary Measure	FY14 Actual	FY15 Purchased	FY15 Estimate	FY16 Offer
Output	Number of cases assigned to victims advocates	2062	1950	2100	2200
Outcome	Number of court appearances	5158	1350	5400	5400

Performance Measures Descriptions

Output - The number of cases which were assigned a victims advocate for the assistance of the crime victim.
Outcome - The number of court appearances attended to support the victim.

Legal / Contractual Obligation

Article I Section 42 Oregon Constitution - Rights of Victims in criminal prosecutions and juvenile delinquency proceedings. ORS 147.405, ORS 147.410, ORS 147.417 - Victim to be notified of constitutional rights. ORS 147.22 - Disbursement of moneys to be used for comprehensive victim's assistance programs.

Revenue/Expense Detail

	Proposed General Fund	Proposed Other Funds	Proposed General Fund	Proposed Other Funds
Program Expenses	2015	2015	2016	2016
Personnel	\$314,800	\$614,438	\$270,167	\$655,088
Contractual Services	\$1,000	\$0	\$0	\$0
Materials & Supplies	\$5,402	\$1,236	\$14,350	\$236
Internal Services	\$25,143	\$0	\$23,923	\$0
Total GF/non-GF	\$346,345	\$615,674	\$308,440	\$655,324
Program Total:	\$962,018		\$963,764	
Program FTE	3.81	7.19	3.04	7.46

Program Revenues				
Intergovernmental	\$0	\$614,674	\$0	\$655,324
Beginning Working Capital	\$0	\$1,000	\$0	\$0
Total Revenue	\$0	\$615,674	\$0	\$655,324

Explanation of Revenues

\$436,797 in Criminal Fine Account (CFA) funding
\$218,527 in Victims of Crime Act (VOCA) funding

Significant Program Changes

Last Year this program was: FY 2015: 15005A Victims Assistance Program