

Department: District Attorney

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Program Offer Type: Existing Operating Program

Program Offer Stage: As Requested

Related Programs:
Program Characteristics: In Target

Executive Summary

Decision making in the District Attorney's Office must be informed by up to date, accurate data. As we continue to re-examine policies and procedures that have resulted in disparate outcomes for persons of color, LGBTQ, the houseless, and those with lower income and more barriers to resources, our reliance on data and the reporting of date will increase exponentially. National best practices in criminal prosecution continue to include the use of data research, evaluation and planning teams to enable data-driven policy development and resource allocation decision making.

Program Summary

The on-going work of the Research and Planning Unit continues to enhanced the ability of the District Attorney to make evidence-based decisions and reinforce the county's long standing commitment to data analysis. This unit now produces research that evaluates, explores and uncovers prosecutorial effects and trends in Multnomah County's criminal justice system and its impact both locally and on the state. This further insight helps to inform policy decision making in important areas such as to strategically address disparities within our county. Additionally, we continue to endeavor to strategically deploy our valuable prosecution and service resources in areas that have the greatest public safety impact. Data, research and planning are critical to achieving successful outcomes. Furthermore, the trend in public safety in the county and across the nation is for increased cooperation among peers to answer questions greater than any one entity. Experience here in the county has shown that when one partner in criminal justice evaluation comes to the table without the capacity to keep up with others, that weak link causes the whole enterprise to suffer. Court and program closures during the pandemic shifted reports to COVID impact reports, protest outcomes, Ad Hoc requests and dashboard creation covering various prosecution metrics.

Performance Measures

Measure Type	Primary Measure	FY20 Actual	FY21 Budgeted	FY21 Estimate	FY22 Offer
Output	Data analysis reports, data tasks or dashboard creation	N/A	N/A	260	260
Outcome	Number of dashboard updates	N/A	N/A	147	150
Outcome	Number of dashboard users viewing prosecution metrics	N/A	N/A	44,000	50,000+

Performance Measures Descriptions

FY21 data analysis reports initially referred to a monthly report on community court, LEAD, and eight independent topical reports. Court and program closures during the pandemic shifted reports to COVID impact reports, protest outcomes, Ad Hoc requests and dashboard creation covering various prosecution metrics. The outcome measure captures user analytics on one completed dashboard (as of Feb 2021). We are in the process of obtaining analytics for the other operating dashboards. Three remaining dashboards are under development.

Revenue/Expense Detail

	Adopted General Fund	Adopted Other Funds	Requested General Fund	Requested Other Funds
Program Expenses	2021	2021	2022	2022
Personnel	\$196,931	\$0	\$206,216	\$14,014
Materials & Supplies	\$10,000	\$0	\$3,500	\$0
Internal Services	\$0	\$0	\$20,669	\$3,260
Total GF/non-GF	\$206,931	\$0	\$230,385	\$17,274
Program Total:	\$206,931		\$247,659	
Program FTE	1.00	0.00	1.00	0.00

Program Revenues				
Intergovernmental	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$17,274
Total Revenue	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$17,274

Explanation of Revenues

This program generates \$3,260 in indirect revenues.
 Funding through CJC's DOJ, WEB Dubois - Research & Planning's award:

\$14,014 Personnel Costs for College Intern
 \$3,260 Indirect Costs @ 26.26%

Significant Program Changes

Last Year this program was: FY 2021: 15013 MCDA Research & Planning Unit

The curtailment of many core court operations due to the COVID-19 pandemic has allowed the Research and Planning Unit to pivot its focus to COVID-19 impact reports, while maintaining an up to date dashboard publishing metrics based upon the social justice protests during the summer and fall of 2020. Another dashboard has been created covering additional prosecution metrics and analysis.

Internal service charges are increased reflecting a change to allocate facilities, data, distribution, telecommunications, and fleet services in individual units. Previously these costs were consolidated in 15001 - Administrative Support Services, 15002 - Information Technology, and the Division I, II, III, and IV Administration program offers.