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**Program Offer Type:** Innovative/New Program **Program Offer Stage:** As Adopted  
**Related Programs:**  
**Program Characteristics:**

### Executive Summary

The MCDA Access Attorney Program (MAAP) will improve public safety by engaging and empowering community members, while increasing the public's understanding of the criminal justice system and MCDA's role. The pilot will accomplish this by locating one Access Attorney in each of two sites, focusing that attorney's work on that particular geographic area. The Access Attorneys and their support staff will work with local community members, stakeholders, and law enforcement to identify and address local crime. The Access Attorneys will be located in a shared space with community agencies to encourage contact, and will also reach out to the community by hosting and attending meetings and events.

### Program Summary

The MCDA Access Attorney Program will strategically place two (2.00 FTE) deputy district attorneys (DDAs) into the community which will allow each Access DDA to work with local community members, stakeholders, and law enforcement to identify the issues and priorities of that discrete area. Access DDAs will also build relationships with the residents, businesses, and other agencies in that area by hosting and attending meetings and events relevant to their work and the community's requests. Access DDAs will maintain these relationships over time, and will be responsive, creative, and flexible when addressing their district's needs. Access DDAs will help address local safety issues driven by local priorities, incorporating non-carceral solutions such as diversion programs, treatment, and restorative justice where possible, while pursuing accountability for high volume systems users. Access DDAs will not be housed in police precincts because the presence of law enforcement may discourage some members of the community from accessing resources. To prevent this, MAAP will seek shared spaces in the community, funded by nonprofit agencies, allowing partnerships to exist and engagement to occur without this unintended impact.

Because the Access DDAs will work under the umbrella of the Strategic Prosecution and Services Unit (15206), they will prosecute their district's cases with focus, precision, and intentionality. The use of strategic prosecution will ensure positive outcomes for the community and connect people directly to housing services, drug and mental health treatment, occupational training, and other resources which address the root causes of criminality and are proven to reduce recidivism. The resources of the program will be focused within each Access DDA's geographical area on the places with the highest concentration of poverty, crime victims, and historically marginalized or under-represented communities.

Access DDAs will be backed by several critical support staff positions: A shared Victim's Advocate (1.00 FTE) will facilitate constructive relationships with crime victims, bringing added cultural competence and trauma-informed approaches to the program and community. A shared Legal Assistant (1.00 FTE) will provide the logistical support necessary for the Access DDAs to efficiently initiate, maintain, and organize cases, contacts, and events in the community.

### Performance Measures

| Measure Type | Primary Measure   | FY21 Actual | FY22 Budgeted | FY22 Estimate | FY23 Offer |
|--------------|---|-------------|---------------|---------------|------------|
| Output       | Number of contacts with community members and stakeholders                                  | N/A         | N/A           | N/A           | 240        |
| Outcome      | Number of cases issued as a result of contacts  | N/A         | N/A           | N/A           | 50         |
| Quality      | % of contacts that rate service from MAAP program as meeting or exceeding their expectation | N/A         | N/A           | N/A           | 80         |
| Output       | Number of community member resource referrals   | N/A         | N/A           | N/A           | 24         |

### Performance Measures Descriptions

Revenue/Expense Detail

|                        | Adopted<br>General Fund | Adopted<br>Other Funds | Adopted<br>General Fund | Adopted<br>Other Funds |
|------------------------|-------------------------|------------------------|-------------------------|------------------------|
| Program Expenses       | 2022                    | 2022                   | 2023                    | 2023                   |
| Personnel              | \$0                     | \$0                    | \$723,326               | \$0                    |
| Materials & Supplies   | \$0                     | \$0                    | \$0                     | \$0                    |
| Internal Services      | \$0                     | \$0                    | \$0                     | \$0                    |
| <b>Total GF/non-GF</b> | <b>\$0</b>              | <b>\$0</b>             | <b>\$723,326</b>        | <b>\$0</b>             |
| <b>Program Total:</b>  | <b>\$0</b>              |                        | <b>\$723,326</b>        |                        |
| <b>Program FTE</b>     | 0.00                    | 0.00                   | 4.00                    | 0.00                   |

| Program Revenues     |            |            |            |            |
|----------------------|------------|------------|------------|------------|
| <b>Total Revenue</b> | <b>\$0</b> | <b>\$0</b> | <b>\$0</b> | <b>\$0</b> |

Explanation of Revenues

Significant Program Changes

Last Year this program was: