

**Program #15308A - Strategic Prosecution Unit** 7/6/2021

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**Program Offer Type:** Existing Operating Program **Program Offer Stage:** As Adopted  
**Related Programs:**  
**Program Characteristics:**

**Executive Summary**

The Strategic Prosecution and Services Unit (SPSU) utilizes community based resolutions when possible to address chronic criminal activity. Deputy District Attorneys recommend court supervised mental health services and drug addiction treatment when community safety will benefit rather than incarceration. Recidivism is reduced and safety is enhanced for crime victims through the efforts of SPSU. Deputy District Attorneys seek equitable treatment of both victims and offenders in SPSU.

The Multnomah County Justice Reinvestment Project (MCJRP) deputy district attorney uses data analysis to correct inequities and promotes court supervised mental health and drug treatment as an alternative to incarceration.

**Program Summary**

The Strategic Prosecution and Services Unit (SPSU) is an evidence based program addressing chronic offenders based on a national model. SPSU equitably identifies chronic offenders and seeks to divert them into court supervised drug and mental health services when possible. The outcome is reduced recidivism by ending offense cycles, decreased reliance on incarceration and increased community safety.

Due to structural and historic racism, chronic offenders in Multnomah County are disproportionately represented. Deputy District Attorneys in SPSU are aware of racial and ethnic disparities and seek unbiased, fair and equitable case resolutions. Priority of SPSU is data driven decisions based on safety, justice and equity.

SPSU operates through telework when possible in response to the COVID-19 pandemic, including court hearings and settlement conferences when allowed.

This is anticipated to continue. Operational changes include use of laptop computers to review and issue cases remotely, virtual meetings with crime victims and defense counsel for the accused and electronic communication among attorneys and staff.

Data analysis generated by the Multnomah County Justice Reinvestment Program deputy district attorney is utilized throughout the Multnomah County District Attorney's Office to correct inequities and ensure fairness.

**Performance Measures**

Measure Type	Primary Measure	FY20 Actual	FY21 Budgeted	FY21 Estimate	FY22 Offer
Output	Cases/Search warrants/police reports reviewed	7,000	7,200	7,200	6,700
Outcome	Prosecutor contacts with crime survivors/advocates	21,000	21,600	21,600	18,000

**Performance Measures Descriptions**

Revenue/Expense Detail

	Adopted General Fund	Adopted Other Funds	Adopted General Fund	Adopted Other Funds
Program Expenses	2021	2021	2022	2022
Personnel	\$1,141,774	\$999,892	\$1,066,482	\$1,115,693
Materials & Supplies	\$15,200	\$0	\$8,500	\$0
Internal Services	\$0	\$33,816	\$215,688	\$34,920
<b>Total GF/non-GF</b>	<b>\$1,156,974</b>	<b>\$1,033,708</b>	<b>\$1,290,670</b>	<b>\$1,150,613</b>
<b>Program Total:</b>	<b>\$2,190,682</b>		<b>\$2,441,283</b>	
<b>Program FTE</b>	5.74	4.71	4.75	5.45

Program Revenues				
Intergovernmental	\$0	\$676,296	\$0	\$861,934
Other / Miscellaneous	\$20,000	\$357,412	\$0	\$288,679
<b>Total Revenue</b>	<b>\$20,000</b>	<b>\$1,033,708</b>	<b>\$0</b>	<b>\$1,150,613</b>

Explanation of Revenues

This program generates \$34,920 in indirect revenues.  
 \$288,679 IGA with TriMet  
 \$185,587 Federal Award Bureau of Justice Assistance (BJA) Innovative Prosecution Solutions Grant  
 \$676,347 MC Agreement with CJC Justice Reinvestment Grant Program (HB3194/3078). The FY 2022 budget for the Justice Reinvestment Program (HB 3194/3078) totals \$4.7 million across four departments (DCJ, MCSO, MCDA, and LPSCC), which includes \$305,394 of one-time-only carryover funding from the FY 2019-2021 biennium.

Significant Program Changes

**Last Year this program was:** FY 2021: 15308 Neighborhood DA Program / MCJRP

An Office Assistant position (1.00 FTE) is eliminated to meet general funding constraints. A new DDA position (1.00 FTE) is added with new grant funding via a BJA grant. A Lloyd Business District contract ended in FY2021 that funded 0.25 FTE of a prosecutor - that partial position is now covered with general fund in the new program offer 15308C-Strategic Prosecution Unit-Lloyd BID Backfill.

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.