



**Multnomah County District Attorney's
Citizen Budget Advisory Committee
Fiscal Year 2018**

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To: Deborah Kafoury, Multnomah County Chair

From: The Multnomah County District Attorney's Citizen Budget Advisory Committee
Bob Pung, Mike Delman, Lorraine Escribano, Lissa Kaufman (Chair), Richard Ladick,
and Dick Wegner (Central CBAC Representative)

The District Attorney's Citizens Budget Advisory Committee (CBAC) welcomed two new members this year, Bob Pung and Lorraine Escribano. The group has met with the District Attorney (DA) and members of budget staff on four occasions so far during the FY 2018 budget season. Meetings have been well attended by CBAC members.

Throughout our meetings we had robust discussions on many topics:

- CBAC roles, responsibilities, desired make-up, and terms
- The need for accurate and reliable data to make sound prosecutorial decisions as well as decisions regarding resource allocation
- The need for an update to the current CRIMES case management system to ensure continuity of operations
- Courthouse replacement project
- Body Camera policy pros and cons and resource requirements
- Prosecution of drug related offenses and new policy proposals

After careful consideration the Multnomah County District Attorney's Citizen Budget Advisory Committee is pleased to make the following recommendations for the Chair's executive budget. Understanding that resources are limited, we have ranked the District Attorney's on-going out-of-target requests. However, our position is that all of these programs are important to the public safety system and should be undertaken if possible.

Priority	Program	Program Name	General Fund	FTE
1	15011	Data Research Team	194,942	1.00
2	15301B	Unit A - DDA (1.00 FTE)	198,982	1.00
3	15004B	Records / Discovery - OA 2 (1.00 FTE)	65,741	1.00
4	15201B	Unit C/Gangs - DDA (0.50 FTE)	80,561	0.50
5	15308	MDT - Child Abuse Unit - DDA 2 (0.28 FTE)	41,530	0.28

6	15401B	Victim Assistance Program - Victim Advocate (1.00 FTE)	83,009	1.00
7	15010B	Justice Reinvestment (MCJRP) DDA 3 (0.25 FTE)	57,450	0.25
8	15101B	Juvenile Trial Court Unit - DDA (2.00 FTE)	290,195	2.00

In addition to the above programming, the MCDA is also requesting funding to complete the replacement of its CRIMES case management system and to fund a move out of the Portland Building to a temporary location for the Child Support, IT, and Investigations staff until the new Courthouse is completed. We also strongly support these one-time only program requests.

Priority	Program	Program Name	General Fund	FTE
1	15012	CRIMES Replacement	414,308	1.88
2	15106B	Portland Building Relocation - GF Costs	140,178	-

During our first meeting on November 17, 2016 we set a schedule for the budget season, reviewed the roles and responsibilities of CBAC members, the CBAC Chair, the Office of Citizen Involvement, and the MCDA Staff Liaison. With opening for two new members we discussed recruiting new members and the desire of the group in increase diversity if possible. DA Underhill and Allen V. presented an overview of the office, a review of the FY2017 budget and the results of last year's requests. Specific areas of interest to the CBAC were discussed including the continuing desire to fund a Data Research Team, upcoming policy changes (LEAD and Treatment First) in prosecution of drug offenses, and an update on Body Cameras in the community and across the country.

Our second meeting was held on December 14, 2016. The CBAC hosted a visit from MCDA's Senior Research and Evaluation Analyst and interns from the Portland State University's School of Criminology and Criminal Justice to answer questions about the proposed Data Research Program. Following a brief presentation on LEAD related research, the group discussed the importance of using data to inform policy decisions. Next, the group discussed general approaches to the 2% constraint direction received from the Chair's Office – reductions in Deputy District Attorney staffing versus Support Staff.

During our third meeting, held on January 19, 2017 we had detailed conversations about how the 2% general fund constraint could be achieved. We also reviewed potential cuts to non-general fund revenue sources that should be considered when formulating decisions on the cuts to programs funded by the General Fund. Several questions were asked about the impact of possible changes to Federal prosecution practices. Pros and cons of various cut proposals were discussed including those to the gangs unit, child support, juvenile programs, MCJRP, child abuse, domestic violence. Finally, we reviewed one-time only requests – the move from the Portland Building and the status of the CRIMES case management system.

Our final meeting was held on February 1, 2017 where we discussed the budget to be submitted and made final decision on recommendations for additions and reductions to the FY2018 budget.