

Department:

Program #15205B - Body Worn Cameras - Expansion

District Attorney

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Program Offer Type: Innovative/New Program Program Offer Stage: As Proposed

Related Programs:

Program Characteristics:

Executive Summary

This program allows MCDA to meet core constitutional and ethical prosecution obligations required by the growing use of Body Worn Cameras (BWC) by law enforcement while policing. Use of BWCs by the City of Gresham Police Department (GPD), the Oregon State Police (OSP) and Portland State University (PSU) is increasing. This program will increase MCDA's capacity beyond the BWC Unit detailed in program 15205A - Body Worn Cameras - Gresham.

Program Summary

The BWC Unit detailed in Program 15205A partially funds the BWC Unit with a 0.75 FTE Deputy District Attorney 3 and a 0.75 FTE Legal Assistant 2. The BWC Expansion adds the resources to review BWC video before charging. This is best practice. Trained Investigators under the supervision of DDAs will perform an initial review. The BWC Expansion puts MCDA in a good position to manage the gradual increases anticipated as additional agencies expand use of BWCs over the next fiscal year.

With an expanded BWC, Investigators will review all BWC footage prior to charging. Investigators are able to view crime scenes and witness/victim/suspect interviews through an unfiltered lens. Police conduct and interaction with the community can be meaningfully monitored and procedures put in place to increase police accountability and reduce disparate impacts on historically marginalized groups. Transparency and system confidence will increase by virtue of additional objective evidence available for subsequent review. Charging decisions will improve, leading to better, more just, outcomes. This all can only happen if the program is adequately staffed to review pre-charging. The net change of this expansion is to increase the level of the supervising prosecutor from level 2 to level 3, commensurate with the increased responsibility to manage and oversee a program area, as well as adding 5 investigators. This brings the unit to a total strength of 1 prosecutor, 5.5 investigators, and 1 legal assistant.

While there is still some uncertainty around the timing of the Portland Police Bureau BWC program coming online, as well as the potential for the Multnomah County Sheriff's Office to adopt the technology, making sure MCDA has the resources to adequately review the footage provided by GPD, OSP and PSU will put MCDA in a better position to absorb some of the gradual uptick of footage coming from new agencies. It should be anticipated that as other agencies add BWC programs, MCDA will need to continue to increase capacity in order to keep pace with its obligations under the law.

Performance Measures								
Measure Type	Primary Measure	FY21 Actual	FY22 Budgeted	FY22 Estimate	FY23 Offer			
Output	Hours of body camera footage reviewed	N/A	N/A	N/A	1,906			
Outcome	Hours of body camera footage received	N/A	N/A	N/A	2,627			

Performance Measures Descriptions

Output - when combined with the footage reviewed in program offer 15205A - Body Worn Cameras, 90% of the 2,627 hours of footage received would be reviewed. Outcome - Hours of body camera footage received is not impacted by the addition of the program and therefore total shown matches that in 15205A - Body Worn Cameras

5/2/2022

Revenue/Expense Detail

	Adopted General Fund	Adopted Other Funds	Proposed General Fund	Proposed Other Funds
Program Expenses	2022	2022	2023	2023
Personnel	\$0	\$0	\$848,871	\$0
Materials & Supplies	\$0	\$0	\$10,000	\$0
Internal Services	\$0	\$0	\$20,442	\$0
Total GF/non-GF	\$0	\$0	\$879,313	\$0
Program Total:	\$0		\$879,313	
Program FTE	0.00	0.00	6.00	0.00

Program Revenues					
Total Revenue	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	

Explanation of Revenues

Significant Program Changes

Last Year this program was: