

Program #15102 - Domestic Violence Unit

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Department: District Attorney

Program Offer Type: Existing Operating Program Program Offer Stage: As Requested

Related Programs:

Program Characteristics: In Target

Executive Summary

The Domestic Violence program screens and prosecutes domestic violence cases including misdemeanors, felonies, and retraining order violations. The Unit provides outreach and access to support services to all domestic violence victims including under-served populations. The unit prosecutes all types of family or intimate partner violence including assaults, sexual assaults, and homicides. The unit works closely with the Portland Police Bureau Domestic Violence Reduction Unit (DVRU) and the Domestic Violence Emergency Response Team (DVERT.)

Program Summary

The Domestic Violence program screens and prosecutes domestic violence cases including misdemeanors, felonies, and restraining order violations. The crimes may include any level of assault, sexual assault, kidnapping, harassment, and homicide. In conjunction with the Victims Assistance program, it provides outreach and access to support services to all victims of domestic violence. Working in collaboration with state and local law enforcement, Community Justice and a variety of local nonprofit domestic violence organizations and shelters, the program includes a six month deferred prosecution program with individualized treatment plans closely monitored by probation officers. Support includes specialized services; personal contact by a victim advocate, information resources and referrals for social services, coordination with social service agencies, accompaniment to court proceeding, and notification of rights and remedies and assistance in exercising those rights. This program provides a specialized emphasis on prosecution of elder abuse cases in Multnomah County. The Unit supervises the Mental Health Deputy District Attorney, and the Human Trafficking and Prostitution Deputy District Attorneys. In addition to prosecution and victim services, this unit provides training to law enforcement and other community partners. Additionally, this unit works to promote victim safety and offender accountability with community advocacy groups and the Court.

The Senior Deputy of this unit is a member of the executive committee for the Family Violence Coordinating Council. The Senior Deputy of this unit is the Co-Chair of the Portland Chapter of Justice Jammers, a work group that meets to identify gaps in the justice system affecting domestic violence victims' safety and offender accountability. This group meets regularly and on a guarterly basis and shares information with our neighboring counties, Washington, Columbia, Clark, and Clackamas to develop strategies that address the gaps and make improvements to the system.

Performance Measures									
Measure Type	Primary Measure	FY14 Actual	FY15 Purchased	FY15 Estimate	FY16 Offer				
Output	Cases issued	1451	1300	1450	1450				
Outcome	Cases resolved	1214	1200	1220	1220				

Performance Measures Descriptions

Output - the number of cases for which a charging document has been created in this unit. Outcome - the number of cases completed and closed in this unit.

Legal / Contractual Obligation

ORS 8.660 - Attending court and prosecuting offenses. (1) The district attorney shall attend the terms of all courts having jurisdiction of public offenses within the district attorney's county, and, except as otherwise provided in this section, conduct, on behalf of the state, all prosecutions for such offenses therein.

ORS 8.665 - Prosecuting violations. Upon the issuance of a citation by any person authorized to issue citations for violations, a district attorney shall prosecute the case if it appears that a violation has occurred.

ORS 8.670 - Proceedings before magistrates and grand jury. The district attorney shall institute proceedings before magistrates for the arrest of persons charged with or reasonably suspected of public offenses, when the district attorney has information that any such offense has been committed, and attend upon and advise the grand jury when required.

Revenue/Expense Detail

	Proposed General Fund	Proposed Other Funds	Proposed General Fund	Proposed Other Funds
Program Expenses	2015	2015	2016	2016
Personnel	\$1,465,173	\$52,788	\$1,601,212	\$55,848
Contractual Services	\$21,000	\$0	\$15,400	\$0
Materials & Supplies	\$14,113	\$0	\$22,600	\$0
Internal Services	\$8,204	\$2,639	\$6,376	\$2,792
Total GF/non-GF	\$1,508,490	\$55,427	\$1,645,588	\$58,640
Program Total:	\$1,563,917		\$1,704,228	
Program FTE	11.62	0.38	11.62	0.38

Program Revenues								
Indirect for Dept. Admin	\$1,835	\$0	\$2,050	\$0				
Intergovernmental	\$0	\$55,427	\$0	\$58,640				
Total Revenue	\$1,835	\$55,427	\$2,050	\$58,640				

Explanation of Revenues

\$58,640 in revenue from the State of Oregon for Child Abuse Multidisciplinary Intervention (CAMI).

Significant Program Changes

Last Year this program was: FY 2015: 15008 Domestic Violence Unit

The re-appointment of a dedicated Human Trafficking Deputy District Attorney represents a return to prior practice that proved to be invaluable in the effective prosecution of prostitution offenses in Multnomah County.