

Program #15306 - Post Conviction Program - Deputy District Attorney

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

Related Programs: 15306A-16

Program Characteristics:

Executive Summary

The Multnomah County Post-Conviction Deputy District Attorney Program is a new cutting edge adaptation of prosecution functions and a reflects a pro-active approach to justice. This program is the first of its kind in Oregon and one of only about a dozen such programs in existence across the country. The program will focus on issues dealing with criminal cases following their conviction. First and foremost, the responsibility of this program will be to work on cases of persons claiming wrongful conviction and will review and respond to all claims of actual innocence.

Program Summary

Conviction review entails the reverse engineering of an old criminal prosecution while also dealing with the passage of time. Six pending cases are from the mid to late 1980's involving serial murder, aggravated murder, serial rape, rape, and Dangerous Offenders. Information gathering is complicated whether locating law enforcement records, identifying retained evidence, assessing the availability and significance of forensic testing, or finding victims or witnesses. Review requires understanding the legal analysis of issues present at the time of conviction as well under current law. Review includes processing thousands of pages of trial transcripts, reading post-conviction files and cases, appeals and federal court files. Legal preparation, research and writing then must assimilate this great body of information and largely complex but unfamiliar post conviction issues relative to the claims of actual innocence or wrongful conviction. Since inception three months ago, the post-conviction DDA has begun work on 10 substantially complex cases convictions some involving high profile and sensational crimes. The nature of the cases present serious issues of crime and punishment, responsibility to victims and community safety. The DDA's who work in traditional trial units do not have the time, and often expertise to handle this particularly new important post-conviction work.

Performance Measures									
Measure Type	Primary Measure	FY14 Actual	FY15 Purchased	FY15 Estimate	FY16 Offer				
Output	PSRB Cases reviewed	NA	NA	240	240				
Outcome		0	0	0	0				

Performance Measures Descriptions

Revenue/Expense Detail

	Proposed General Fund	Proposed Other Funds	Proposed General Fund	Proposed Other Funds
Program Expenses	2015	2015	2016	2016
Personnel	\$0	\$0	\$203,725	\$0
Total GF/non-GF	\$0	\$0	\$203,725	\$0
Program Total:	\$0		\$203,725	
Program FTE	0.00	0.00	1.00	0.00

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

Explanation of Revenues

Significant Program Changes

Last Year this program was: