Multnomah County Program #15021B - Jus	tice Integrity Unit Expansion			7/6/2021
Department:	District Attorney	Program Contact:	Mike Schmidt	
Program Offer Type:	Innovative/New Program	Program Offer Stage:	As Adopted	
<b>Related Programs:</b>				
Program Characteristic	s: One-Time-Only Request			

## **Executive Summary**

The Justice Integrity Unit (JIU) Expansion will increase the number of community members who have old convictions expunged and fines and fees forgiven. MCDA will accomplish this with new staff dedicated to this work. This program will serve individuals who have incurred negative collateral consequences of convictions. These people are disproportionately people of color and people with limited means. People will be able to access this program in person at MCDA, in locations in the community, and on-line. Importantly, this work will happen every day in Multnomah County, not just quarterly.

## **Program Summary**

An expanded Justice Integrity Unit (JIU) will provide MCDA with an additional attorney and administrative staff to actively engage with community members to support them to expunge old convictions and address fines and fees—so-called collateral consequences of criminal legal involvement. JIU will work with community groups to significantly reduce barriers and encourage engagement in the legal process. Addressing collateral consequences of criminal legal involvement allows those impacted to access essential resources like housing, lines of credit, driver's licenses, and better employment opportunities. It also alleviates many complex stressors, reduces hopelessness, and lessens the generational trauma and impact of criminal involvement. This will result in stronger families, safer streets, and thriving communities where the criminal justice system can restore those effected, not just burden them.

This program will have a reduce racial disparity of collateral consequences of criminal legal involvement. Due to the pandemic, Legal Services Day was presented virtually. MCDA tracked who was served before and after this shift. When barriers to participating in person at the County Courthouse were removed, the participation of women jumped from 40% to 67%. People of color served increased from 42% to 58%, with even greater gains for women of color. MCDA anticipates that by staffing this consistently, and by making outreach to community groups core to the responsibilities of the role, similarly dramatic positive outcomes for these populations will continue.

This program is a cornerstone of answering the call from this summer's demonstrations to actively reduce the disparity that the criminal legal system has had on people of color. The expanded JIU will repair past harms and assist people who have already been held accountable to move on with their lives and thrive.

Measure	nce Measures	FY20	FY21	FY21	FY22
Туре	Primary Measure	Actual	Budgeted	Estimate	Offer
Output	Number and demographics of people served by the JIU.	N/A	N/A	N/A	300
Outcome	Number of expunged convictions; cumulative value of fines and fees eliminated.	N/A	N/A	N/A	300

MCDA has not previously tracked the number of people served by quarterly Legal Services Days. This position will establish centralized intake and data collection.

	Adopted General Fund	Adopted Other Funds	Adopted General Fund	Adopted Other Funds		
Program Expenses	2021	2021	2022	2022		
Personnel	\$0	\$0	\$259,794	\$0		
Materials & Supplies	\$0	\$0	\$206	\$0		
Total GF/non-GF	\$0	\$0	\$260,000	\$0		
Program Total:	\$0	\$0		\$260,000		
Program FTE	0.00	0.00	1.56	0.00		
Program Revenues						
Total Revenue	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0		

## Significant Program Changes

Last Year this program was: