

Priority:	Safety	Lead Agency:	District Attorney
Program Offer Type:	Existing Operating	Program Contact:	Scott Marcy
Related Programs:	15021		

Frameworks:

Executive Summary

This program holds offenders accountable by providing prosecution services for low level quality of life crimes. The types of cases include driving under the influence of intoxicants (DUI), traffic, theft, prostitution, harassment, trespass and other misdemeanor crimes. The Community Court holds non-violent offenders accountable to the community and connects offenders to needed social service programs.

Program Description

This program works collaboratively with the State courts and local law enforcement agencies to prosecute all misdemeanor crimes except domestic violence.

The Misdemeanor trial and Intake units attend arraignments, review, issue cases, and prosecute all misdemeanor quality of life crimes in Multnomah County. Attorney's in the trial unit work collaboratively with the Neighborhood DA program by prosecuting their issued cases.

Because of the large volume of cases and the continued expansion of East County, prosecutors present cases to courts located in downtown and also in Gresham. Cases involving non-violent offenders can also now be referred to Community Courts located in downtown and Gresham. These courts not only issue sanctions against offenders but also provide access to needed social services such as alcohol and drug treatment.

Program Justification

Misdemeanor crimes are the quality of life crimes that effect more citizens, neighborhoods and businesses than any other. The program holds these low level offenders accountable by aggressive prosecution and by working collaboratively with other local law enforcement, social service agencies and the State courts.

Safety at home can also mean having safe streets in our neighborhoods. By prosecuting traffic violations and DUI cases this program helps ensure that our streets remain safe.

With over 6500 cases processed each year, holding offenders accountable through the Community Courts represents a cost effective collaboration between the state courts, prosecution and social service providers.

Performance Measures

The performance measures for this program will be a statistical tracking of the number of Cases Reviewed by the unit and the number of Cases Issued by the unit.

"Cases Reviewed" is defined as the total number of cases that have been submitted to the unit.

"Cases Issued" is defined as the number of cases for which a charging document has been created in that unit.

Summary of last year's program results and this year's expected results

In calendar year 2004 the program reviewed 9,783 cases and issued 7,105 misdemeanor cases.

Program Mandate: 2 Mandated Program with Funding/Service Level Choice

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 8.660 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.

Revenue/Expense Detail

	Proposed General Fund	Proposed Other Funds	Proposed General Fund	Proposed Other Funds
Program Expenses	2005	2005	2006	2006
Personnel	\$1,760,775	\$82,631	\$2,132,914	\$62,500
Contracts	\$34,797	\$0	\$32,789	\$0
Materials & Supplies	\$17,993	\$0	\$18,425	\$0
Internal Services	\$53,891	\$2,000	\$140,096	\$0
Capital Outlay	\$0	\$0	\$8,000	\$0
Subtotal: Direct Exps:	\$1,867,456	\$84,631	\$2,332,224	\$62,500
Administration	\$0	\$0	\$158,526	\$0
Program Support	\$0	\$0	\$492,637	\$0
Subtotal: Other Exps:	\$0	\$0	\$651,163	\$0
Total GF/non-GF:	\$1,867,456	\$84,631	\$2,983,387	\$62,500
Program Total:	\$1,952,087		\$3,045,887	
Program FTE	0.00	0.00	31.04	0.96
Program Revenues				
Indirect for dep't Admin	\$1,884	\$0	\$0	\$0
Intergovernmental	\$0	\$85,000	\$0	\$62,500
Other / Miscellaneous	\$12,000	\$0	\$0	\$0
Program Revenue for Admin	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
Total Revenue:	\$13,884	\$85,000	\$0	\$62,500

Explanation of Revenues**Significant Program Changes**

This unit now shares responsibility for reviewing and issuing misdemeanor cases with the Neighborhood DA program. With the exception of DV cases, they are also responsible for trying nearly all of the misdemeanor cases in the office.