

Lead Agency: District Attorney

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Program Offer Type: Existing Operating

Related Programs:

Program Characteristics:

Executive Summary

The Drug Impact Area Program (DIA) concentrates prosecutorial resources on excluding drug offenders from geographic areas with abnormally high concentrations of heroin, cocaine, and/or marijuana delivery and use. The program developed at the behest of the business and neighborhood leaders in these Drug Impact Areas due to the disproportionate effect of street-level crimes on legitimate economic activity and quality of life. The DIA position devotes a Deputy District Attorney to program coordination, community outreach, and prosecution of drug cases arising in the three Drug Impact Areas.

Program Description

Addressing livability problems associated with endemic drug crime turns on keeping drug users apart from drug dealers. This overarching goal is effected in three ways: 1) focused and effective treatment for those in the grip of addiction; 2) exclusion of drug offenders from areas with extraordinarily high concentrations of drug transactions; and 3) incapacitation of the chronic drug dealers who prey upon addiction. The Drug Impact Area (DIA) Program has had an effect in each area and will continue to build on these successes.

Effective Treatment – The DIA Deputy works closely with the Service Coordination Team (SCT), an interdisciplinary team of providers and law enforcement partners that provides intensive and targeted treatment to the most chronic and addicted offenders in the county. The DIA deputy has assumed some of the duties of the previously de-funded NCLEP deputy who continued prosecution of low-level offenses that would otherwise be neglected to ensure that SCT clients remained on probation and able to access SCT services.

Exclusion – The DIA Deputy oversees the exclusion program. Offenders convicted on a heroin, cocaine, or marijuana charge are excluded from the area of highest neighborhood impact for that drug. The DIA Deputy provides logistical assistance to police to enforce these exclusions. This provides for disruption and dislocation of open-air drug sales in the three DIA zones.

Incapacitation – The DIA Deputy personally handles all prosecution of drug offenses in the DIA zones. When appropriate for the most chronic drug dealers, prison terms provide both incapacitation of a specific offender and a noticeable deterrent to others.

Performance Measures

Measure Type	Primary Measure	Previous Year Actual (FY11-12)	Current Year Purchased (FY12-13)	Current Year Estimate (FY12-13)	Next Year Offer (FY13-14)
Output	Cases issued	326	350	250	300
Outcome	Cases resolved	237	300	250	300

Performance Measure - Description

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	2013	2013	2014	2014
Personnel	\$0	\$129,335	\$0	\$131,878
Total GF/non-GF:	\$0	\$129,335	\$0	\$131,878
Program Total:	\$129,335		\$131,878	
Program FTE	0.00	1.00	0.00	1.00
Program Revenues				
Intergovernmental	\$0	\$129,335	\$0	\$131,878
Total Revenue:	\$0	\$129,335	\$0	\$131,878

Explanation of Revenues

Significant Program Changes

Last year this program was: #15007C, Drug and Vice Unit B- Drug Impact Area Deputy DA

The funding for this position is unsecured due to ongoing negotiations between the City of Portland and the District Attorney.