

Lead Agency: District Attorney

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Program Offer Type: Administration

Related Programs:

Program Characteristics:

Executive Summary

The Neighborhood District Attorney Program is comprised of neighborhood-based Deputy District Attorneys who work directly with local individual citizens, community groups, neighborhood associations, business associations and law enforcement agencies in communities throughout Multnomah County to identify and develop strategies to combat quality of life crimes and improve neighborhood livability. NDAs also review and issues charging documents on misdemeanor cases throughout the county.

Program Description

This is a nationally recognized model program for engaging a variety of community, business and law enforcement partners in identifying crime issues and developing strategies within a community to combat quality of life crime in neighborhoods throughout Multnomah County. The Neighborhood prosecutors are strategically located in East, North/Northeast, West and the Gresham areas. Each Neighborhood District Attorney (NDA) is responsible for working with the police, other government agencies, businesses and citizens to improve the quality of life in the areas they serve. This includes keeping police officers up to date on criminal law changes, making the criminal justice system user-friendly for responsible area businesses, marshaling prosecution resources to solve entrenched neighborhood problems, attending community meetings and providing legal tools for citizens and police to use to improve their quality of life, such as collaborating on partnership agreements, business trespass agreements, drug impact areas, focused prosecutions and involving citizens to obtain search warrants to close neighborhood drug houses. Specialized prosecutors are contracted with Lloyd Business District and Tri-Met to prosecute crimes and solve crime problems specific to those entities. There is also one additional prosecutor in the North/Northeast area assigned to coordinate county-wide misdemeanor gang prosecutions and probation with the Portland Police and Multnomah County Circuit Court in an effort to have these emerging gang members mentored by area pastors and community leaders. In addition the program issues approximately one half of all misdemeanors processed by the office, including quality-of-life misdemeanors such as drinking, camping, graffiti, drugs and prostitution.

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 | 0 | 5,000 | 5,600 | 5,000 |
| Outcome | Problem solving contacts | 41,461 | 39,500 | 34,000 | 39,500 |
| Input | Cases reviewed | 6,736 | 5,665 | 6,400 | 5,665 |

Performance Measure - Description

Output - The number of cases for which a charging instrument has been created by this unit.

Outcome - The number of problem solving contacts Neighborhood DAs have with citizens, law enforcement, businesses, and neighborhood associations or other special interest organizations.

Input - The total number of cases submitted to the 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 | \$647,865 | \$531,369 | \$706,706 | \$489,251 |
| Contracts | \$0 | \$5,000 | \$0 | \$48,675 |
| Materials & Supplies | \$15,475 | \$2,000 | \$15,398 | \$0 |
| Internal Services | \$16,010 | \$10,531 | \$14,764 | \$14,163 |
| Total GF/non-GF: | \$679,350 | \$548,900 | \$736,868 | \$552,089 |
| Program Total: | \$1,228,250 | | \$1,288,957 | |
| Program FTE | 5.34 | 2.66 | 5.24 | 2.26 |
| Program Revenues | | | | |
| Indirect for dep't Admin | \$7,510 | \$0 | \$9,890 | \$0 |
| Intergovernmental | \$0 | \$282,525 | \$0 | \$284,804 |
| Other / Miscellaneous | \$12,500 | \$266,375 | \$12,500 | \$267,285 |
| Total Revenue: | \$20,010 | \$548,900 | \$22,390 | \$552,089 |

Explanation of Revenues

Lloyd Contract - \$75,000
Trimet Contract - \$192,285
DA JAG - \$64,569
DA Albina Grant - \$220,235

Significant Program Changes

Last year this program was: #15017A, District Attorney's Office-Neighborhood DA