

Lead Agency: District Attorney

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Program Offer Type: Existing Operating

Related Programs:

Program Characteristics: In Target

Executive Summary

Felony Trial Unit C/Gangs prosecutes a variety of very serious and mid-level felony crimes including: Homicides, Robberies, weapons offenses, gang crimes, vehicular homicides and assaults, arson, residential burglaries and felony animal abuse. These crimes are predominantly person crimes, and many of the violent cases handled by this unit have long-lasting effects on the victimized community members.

Program Description

This program works closely with federal, state and local law enforcement agencies to prosecute serious person and property crimes, including those cases involving homicides, vehicular assaults and homicides, crimes involving gangs, weapons possession by felons, arson, animal abuse, all degrees of robberies, and residential burglaries. Unit C/Gangs works cooperatively with state and local law enforcement agencies and community partners to target and reduce the instances of gang related crime through aggressive enforcement and prosecution. In the continuum of prosecution services, this unit prosecutes mostly high risk and some medium level offenders, and many cases handled in Unit C/Gangs have high visibility in the community. The program also works cooperatively with the Portland Police Bureau, Multnomah County Sheriff's Office, Gresham Police Bureau, and other local law enforcement agencies in the County to promote better case investigation and development by consulting with and training officers in the complex legal issues these cases present. Members of the unit are available to officers with questions 24 hours per day, 7 days per week. Additionally, the unit works with the Bureau of Alcohol, Tobacco and Firearms and the US Attorney's Office to reduce by vigorous prosecution the illegal use, possession and transfer of firearms. Hundreds of these weapons cases are handled annually, resulting in both state and federal prosecutions. A key goal to the Unit C/Gangs program is to make sure that offenders are held accountable for their criminal behavior and that the rights of victims are protected. The program seeks to hold offenders accountable for committing serious person and property crimes, and seeks to engage other community partners in reducing gang related violence and illegal activities in the schools and neighborhoods.

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	777	775	800	775
Outcome	Cases resolved	676	735	800	735

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.

Input - the total number of cases that have been submitted to 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	\$1,440,019	\$63,000	\$1,551,752	\$52,771
Contracts	\$38,241	\$0	\$44,100	\$0
Materials & Supplies	\$14,053	\$0	\$19,470	\$0
Internal Services	\$15,351	\$3,150	\$14,736	\$2,638
Total GF/non-GF:	\$1,507,664	\$66,150	\$1,630,058	\$55,409
Program Total:	\$1,573,814		\$1,685,467	
Program FTE	11.08	0.42	10.63	0.37
Program Revenues				
Indirect for dep't Admin	\$2,246	\$0	\$1,842	\$0
Intergovernmental	\$0	\$66,150	\$0	\$55,409
Total Revenue:	\$2,246	\$66,150	\$1,842	\$55,409

Explanation of Revenues

JAIB Grant - \$55409

Significant Program Changes

✔ Significantly Changed

Last year this program was: #15008, District Attorney's Office- Unit C/Gangs Robbery, Weapons

In FY13, the District Attorney had two Chief Deputy DAs, one which oversaw the Felony Division (felony trial units A, B, C, D, and the Pre-Trial Unit), and another which oversaw the Family and Community Justice Division (DV, MDT, the Misdemeanor Trial Unit, the Neighborhood DA program, and the Support Enforcement Division). For FY14, the District Attorney has gone to a three chief structure by splitting up the Felony and Family and Community Justice Divisions into Division I, Division II, and Division III. The third Chief Deputy position was created by reducing the number of Senior Deputy DAs overseeing Unit C/Gangs from two to one.