

Lead Agency: District Attorney
Program Offer Type: Existing Operating
Related Programs:
Program Characteristics: In Target

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Executive Summary

This program holds offenders accountable by providing prosecution services for misdemeanor crimes. Intake attorneys review and issue charging documents on misdemeanor cases. Most non-violent offenders qualify for "Community Court" where they can earn a reduction or dismissal of their charges by giving back to local neighborhoods through community service while getting connected with needed social service programs. Offenders who decline or are ineligible for "Community Court" are prosecuted by the attorneys in the Misdemeanor Trial Unit.

Program Description

This program works collaboratively with the State courts and local law enforcement agencies to prosecute all misdemeanor crimes except those involving domestic violence. The attorneys assigned to Intake screen, issue or reject for prosecution misdemeanor offenses such as driving under the influence of intoxicants (DUII), resisting arrest, assault, sex abuse, theft, prostitution, stalking, trespass, strangulation and disorderly conduct. Intake attorneys also handle court appearances at the Justice Center including arraignments, DUII Diversion entries, Community Court and early resolution cases.

Cases involving non-violent offenders can also now be referred to the Community Courts located in downtown Portland and Gresham. These courts not only issue sanctions against offenders but also provide access to needed social services such as alcohol treatment, drug treatment and mental health services. With over 6000 cases processed each year, the Community Courts offer a cost-effective collaboration between the state courts, prosecution and social service providers.

Attorneys assigned to the Misdemeanor Trial Unit prepare cases for trial and represent the State of Oregon in misdemeanor jury and bench trials. These attorneys also appear in court on other matters including pleas, sentencing, probation violation hearings, and restitution hearings. Attorneys 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 Portland and also in Gresham.

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	13,114	12,450	14,100	13,000
Outcome	Cases resolved	11,213	12,000	10,200	11,500
Input	Cases reviewed	16,526	14,975	16,500	15,000

Performance Measure - Description

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

Cases resolved - The number of cases completed and closed in that unit.

Cases reviewed - The total number of cases that have been submitted to that unit.

Legal/Contractual Obligation

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	2013	2013	2014	2014
Personnel	\$2,231,423	\$0	\$2,458,001	\$0
Contracts	\$46,123	\$0	\$51,000	\$0
Materials & Supplies	\$19,222	\$0	\$29,816	\$0
Internal Services	\$113,359	\$0	\$99,712	\$0
Total GF/non-GF:	\$2,410,127	\$0	\$2,638,529	\$0
Program Total:	\$2,410,127		\$2,638,529	
Program FTE	25.50	0.00	26.00	0.00
Program Revenues				
Total Revenue:	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0

Explanation of Revenues

Significant Program Changes

Last year this program was: #15016, District Attorney's Office-Misdemeanor Trial,Intake,Community Court