

Lane County - Service Option Sheet - FY 16-17 Proposed

SOS 6 Prosecution of Defendants

Service Category: Public Safety

Dept: District Attorney

Mandate: None

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Leverage: None

Some

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Executive Summary

The District Attorney is responsible for the prosecution of all felony offenses and most misdemeanor offenses committed in Lane County. Due to a reduction of staff in 2012, we had severely compromised the effective prosecution of thousands of cases and failed to file over 1,000 viable cases from 7/2012-7/2015. By obtaining some grant funding to assist in paying for three prosecutors and increasing the individual caseloads of the attorneys, we are on track to file approximately 1,000 additional felony cases this year. Of course, that has increased the burden on the support staff as well. Whether as a result of increased workload and stress, or by sheer coincidence, we have had a significant increase in staff turnover leading to a fairly constant recruitment and training process.

Service Level Descriptions (Read from bottom up. Level 1 = minimum viable service level.)

	Other Funds	Expense Total	General Fund	FTE
Proposed Budget Total	\$1,054,231	\$6,745,003	\$5,690,772	46.00
Addition	\$91,485	\$237,136	\$145,651	3.00

Restore Community Prosecution funding and Increase Prosecution Capacity: Grant funding for the 1.0 FTE DDA1 dedicated to prosecuting lower-level felonies is set to end on 8/31/2016, and this service addition includes the funds necessary to maintain that position through 6/30/2017. This also adds 1.0 FTE Paralegal, and 1.0 FTE Deputy District Attorney 1. Together these positions will allow the District Attorney's Office to increase the number of cases filed, while not increasing the staff's workload to an unsustainable level.

Level 1: Threshold	\$962,746	\$6,507,867	\$5,545,121	43.00
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Crime Investigation, Prosecution, and Related Services: Prosecution of all Adult and Juvenile Felony Person Crime, small portion of Adult Felony Property Crime, plus most Adult Misdemeanor DV and DUII crimes.

State/Federal Mandate

ORS 8.660; ORS 8.670; ORS 146.095; ORS 137.106; ORS 135.139; Oregon Constitution Art 7, Section 17; ORS 8.660 states "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 prosecution for such offenses therein."

Leverage Details

The General Fund portion of this program leverages the following:

\$3,383,776	back to the Discretionary General Fund
\$6,833,230	into other non Discretionary County Funds
\$0	directly to community members via service provided

For the purpose of this comparison, only include leveraged funds that are dependent on General Fund revenue. Do not include funds that would still be leveraged if the General Fund portion of the service were decreased or eliminated.