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LEAD APPLICANT AND FISCAL AGENT

City of Portland Police Bureau (PPB)

Bike Squad bicycles, PPB Central Precinct

With JAG 2024 funds, the Portland Police Bureau will purchase patrol bicycles. The key objectives associated with the JAG 2024 program are to enhance the effectiveness, mobility, and community engagement of police patrols in Portland, specifically Downtown Portland, by equipping officers with bicycles. By increasing the number of officers on bikes, and by increasing the number of bike patrols, PPB envisions the following key benefits as a direct result of this program:

Increased Mobility in Urban Areas: Bikes provide quicker response times in congested areas compared to patrol cars, and officers can access narrow alleys, parks, and pedestrian-heavy zones more efficiently.

Cost-Effective: Lower operational costs compared to vehicles (no fuel, lower maintenance), means a more effective use of bureau resources in high-activity regions of the city. Bicycles are also cheaper to purchase and maintain compared to patrol cars and motorcycles. Finally, bicycles have a smaller impact on the environment and increasing the use of bicycles in Portland's Downtown can help ease congestion and support the Bureau's green initiatives.

Enhanced Community Relations: Officers on bikes are more approachable, which in turn can help foster positive interactions with the community. Secondly, the increased usage of bicycles relays the Bureau's intentions of creating a more sustainable and environmentally conscious police force.

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Agile Response to Protest-Related Vandalism: Bike patrols can navigate through crowds and urban terrain more quickly than vehicle units, which allows for rapid response to vandalism or disorder during large gatherings and events. With bicycles, officers can be deployed discreetly and efficiently, allowing them to manage large gatherings or demonstrations while minimizing disruptions.

Improved Feelings of Safety: The regular presence of bike patrol officers can enhance residents' and visitors' sense of safety in the downtown urban core. This increased visibility and quick response times can actually help deter crime and promote a safer atmosphere for businesses, shoppers, and tourists.

Health and Fitness: The regular use of bicycles encourages physical fitness among officers, which can improve overall well-being and job performance.

Multnomah County District Attorney's Office

General Program Overview of the Justice Integrity Unit

In forming a JIU in July 2021, Multnomah County joined more than 45 jurisdictions around the country that have recognized the importance of a mechanism to scrutinize past cases when concerns arise regarding the integrity of a conviction. The JIU brings intention and priority to post-conviction relief (PCR) hearings, Psychiatric Review Board (PSRB) Hearings, parole hearings, clemency petition reviews, consideration of returned non-unanimous jury verdict cases, and investigating claims of actual innocence, or instances where prosecutorial or law enforcement misconduct is alleged that is uncovered post-conviction. Community trust in the justice system is strengthened when a prosecutor's office has an effective mechanism for conviction integrity

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review. A fully responsive JIU will also proactively work on expunging the records of eligible people and assist people who owe fines or fees for past criminal legal involvement with an opportunity to forgive those debts under certain and appropriate circumstances. Addressing the collateral consequences of criminal legal involvement strengthens communities by removing barriers to essential resources like housing, lines of credit, driver's licenses, and better employment opportunities. This grant partially funds a Deputy District Attorney 4 position at 0.54 FTE to lead the JIU efforts.

The activities on previous grants started in September 2021, when MCDA assigned a Senior Deputy who was experienced in all levels of casework, to head up this newly funded program and carry out the above program goals and objectives. Unfortunately, this position was vacant from mid-October through late February 2022. Toward the end of February 2022, this position was again filled by a Senior Deputy who was experienced in all levels of casework and it has remained occupied since.

Prior to receiving this grant, MCDA had not tracked the number of conviction-related reviews it performed. Since the Senior Deputy position was filled in late February 2022, the Senior Deputy has established a centralized intake process and data collection system. MCDA is now tracking application / demographic information related to its review of Senate Bill 819 (SB 819) Applications. SB 819, now codified as ORS 137.218, is a prosecutor initiated resentencing law that allows the District Attorney and a Defendant to request that the court vacate/dismiss a conviction, allow a plea to a different charge, or resentence the defendant entirely if the parties believe it is in the interest of justice.

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The JIU is now tracking the number of SB 819 applications the JIU received and/or reviewed, MCDA's position (accept review, deny review, support resentencing) and the demographics of the people who have applied. Thus far, the unit has screened and/or reviewed approximately 518 applications. This breaks down to approximately 118 Collateral Consequence SB 819 Applications, 341 Excessive Sentence SB 819 Applications, and 59 Innocence SB 819 Applications. The Senior Deputy completed application screenings and reviews, along with other DDAs and interns in the JIU. The Justice Integrity Unit has received approximately 573 SB 819 Applications since it began accepting applications.

The Senior Deputy also facilitated the creation of an SB 819 Metrics database. This database assists in screening/reviewing SB 819 applications, as well as better understanding/tracking the factors the JIU considers when supporting an SB 819 application. Additionally, the Senior Deputy has coordinated the hiring of numerous students to assist with the unit's workload. The Senior Deputy also reviews SB 819 applications and facilitates the presentation of these applications to the District Attorney.

The Senior Deputy also formed the Justice Integrity Unit Community Advisory Board (CAB). This CAB is composed of five citizens from Multnomah County with varying experiences with the criminal justice system. This board reviews SB 819 applications that the JIU is considering supporting and provides input and recommendations as to whether those applications should be supported. The group has been operating for just shy of two years and helps to build community trust in the JIU's process. The Senior Deputy facilitates the JIU Community Advisory Board's

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review of the finalized reviews. Over the next year, the Senior Deputy will create and supervise two new JIU-initiated SB 819 interest of justice projects.

The Senior Deputy has also established a data collection system for expungements (otherwise known as motions to set aside) in order to track demographic information, MCDA's position (objecting / not objecting), as well as the results of the hearings in which we are objecting to an expungement motion. The Senior Deputy has drafted and implemented new policies and procedures relating to expungement motions and waiving fines/fees for individuals whose only barrier to having their convictions expunged are outstanding fines/fees owed to the court (excluding moneys owed such as restitution, child support, etc). Due to the significant increase in volume of expungement motions received, the Senior Deputy has worked with the court to create new procedures to streamline the review and granting of expungement motions. Then Senior Deputy has also worked with community partners to create procedures for streamlining the expungement review process.

In mid-2024, the Multnomah County District Attorney's Office transitioned to a new case management system. Since then, the Senior Deputy has been working to transition to current data-tracking systems into the new case management system. This will be a significant step for the JIU, as well of its data tracking has existed outside of the office's case management systems. The Multnomah County District Attorney's Office has recently transitioned to a new case management system. Once these processes are built out, tracking statistics regarding all JIU-related duties will be much more streamlined, with data being generated from reports based on the data within the case management system. The Senior Deputy will be building out data-tracking processes within

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this new system for parole hearings, Psychiatric Review Board hearings, and post-conviction relief cases.

The Senior Deputy will work to create policies within the JIU and MCDA that promote the JIU's guiding principles. The Senior Deputy also anticipates engaging in a policy rewrite based on what the JIU has learned over the past few years to better utilize its resources, especially around SB 819 and Expungements.

Grant Performance Measures

MCDA is committed to employing evidence-based practices to make certain that the goals of program are fully realized. To that end, MCDA will demonstrate success through performance measures that include the capture and reporting of the activities outlined in the above narrative. In addition, MCDA will track the outcomes of those activities, to ensure that results are consistent with the goals of the position.

Activity	Data Collection Method	Projected Measurements: 6 Months	Projected Measurements: 12 months
Participation in post-conviction relief cases	Case Management System	50	100
Participation in parole hearings	Case Management System	4	8
Review of post-conviction relief petitions	Case Management System	18	30
Potential Impeachment Disclosure reviews	Case Management System	6	12
Review expungement motions	Case Management System	5,000	10,000

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Review SB 819 Applications	Case Management System	100	200
Review Clemency Petitions	Case Management System	5	10

City of Gresham Police Department

The City of Gresham Police Department (GPD) will use 2024 JAG funds to purchase equipment and materials for the Crime Scene Investigations (CSI) laboratory and support the department's officer wellness program. In procuring these equipment and materials, GPD will follow the appropriate federal regulations and purchasing requirements pursuant to the grant. GPD's CSI laboratory supports criminal justice investigations through evidence collection, handling, processing, and analysis. It serves as the department's central hub for these activities, both locally and regionally. The team is renowned for their leadership in crime scene investigations and evidentiary procedures. The CSI team faces equipment failures due to age and heavy use. High demand for their services necessitates upgrading several key items to meet community needs.

Equipment and materials include workbenches and tabletops; workstation air filter system; cabinets to store chemicals and benches for evidence processing; camera with related equipment for evidence collection; stereomicroscope with light sources; and other related minor equipment and tools.

GPD will use funds to purchase additional gym equipment and supplies for our wellness program. The 2015 JAG funded initial gym equipment for our on-site facility. The wellness program continues with employees using the gym, and the 2024 JAG funding will add more equipment and supplies, including exercise gear and related tools.

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Coordination of Related JAG Funds

The cities of Portland and Gresham and the county of Multnomah do not anticipate any coordination of Fiscal Year 2024 JAG funded projects.

Reporting of Required Accountability Measures

The grantee and subrecipients will report on their relevant quarterly performance metrics and semi-annual Goals & Objectives in accordance with the applicable JAG Accountability Measures in the BJA Performance Measurement Tool (PMT).