The District Attorney is responsible for the prosecution of all felony offenses and most misdemeanor offenses committed in Lane County. Increased complexity of our caseloads, increased legislative obligations, and changes to appellate criteria in search and seizure, mental health and restitution standards have severely compromised the ability of the District Attorney's Office to prosecute all viable criminal cases. These new obligations, coupled with the proliferation of digital media evidence, means we are no longer equipped to file all viable criminal cases.

Executive Summary

Crime Investigation, Prosecution, and Related Services: Prosecution of all Adult and Juvenile Felony Crime, plus most Adult Misdemeanor Domestic Violence and DUII crimes. The addition of 2 paralegals will relieve the burden on the attorneys by assisting with reviewing video footage, making sure discovery is complete in each case prior to trial, reviewing motions and creating responses to those that are not substantive.

Current Service Level

Crime Investigation, Prosecution, and Related Services: Prosecution of all Adult and Juvenile Felony Crime, plus most Adult Misdemeanor Domestic Violence and DUII crimes.

State/Federal Mandate

ORS 8.660; ORS 8.670; ORS 8.685; 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:

- $4,087,251 back to the Discretionary General Fund
- $8,061,526 into other non Discretionary County Funds
- $0 directly to community members