

Priority: Safety Net Services

Lead Agency: District Attorney

Program Offer Type: Existing Operating

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Related Programs:

Frameworks:

Executive Summary

The Child Support Enforcement program provides parents with minor children with legal assistance in establishing, modifying and collecting child support and with legally establishing paternity.

Program Description

The program works cooperatively and collaboratively with all Oregon county jurisdictions, state and federal agencies, with all 50 states and dozens of foreign governments in the establishment and collection of child support and medical coverage.

In addition the program works to legally establish paternity when necessary through DNA analysis and legal proceedings.

With two locations (downtown, Gresham) the program routinely carries average caseload of 8500 cases and collects approximately \$30 million annually. Every dollar collected through the program is sent out directly to custodial parents for the benefit of the minor child or children. This program benefits over 10,000 children annually in Multnomah County.

Program Justification

This program helps provide economic stability for thousands of families and over ten thousand children in Multnomah County. Through the establishment and collection of child support this program provides approximately 30 million dollars each year for the direct economic stability of families and caregivers.

This program also provides links and referrals to important state and county services for those who are in need of more than financial support.

The program assists in the establishment of medical insurance orders which contributes to the physical health of citizens.

With access to interpretation services and legal forms in a variety of languages, this program delivers services in a culturally competent manner.

Performance Measures

The performance measures for this program will be an annual statistical analysis of the total amount of child support dollars collected for the calendar year. The second measure will be the average percentage of order cases with a child support collection during the calendar year.

Summary of last year's program results and this year's expected results

In 2004 the total amount of child support collected reached a new high with \$30,105,836.

In 2004 the average percentage of order cases with a collection was 70%.

The ten year trend is for increasing collections and percentage of cases with a collection but continuing this trend will largely depend on the size of the caseload. As long as caseload sizes remains relatively constant, then one would expect statistical results similar to 2004.

Program Mandate: 2 Mandated Program with Funding/Service Level Choice

Child Support Enforcement: ORS 25.080 Entity primarily responsible for support enforcement services; duties.

Revenue/Expense Detail

	Proposed General Fund	Proposed Other Funds	Proposed General Fund	Proposed Other Funds
Program Expenses	2005	2005	2006	2006
Personnel	\$208,772	\$1,702,720	\$0	\$1,973,996
Contracts	\$0	\$243,050	\$0	\$20,000
Materials & Supplies	\$0	\$61,337	\$0	\$49,622
Internal Services	\$167,101	\$343,498	\$300,000	\$204,255
Subtotal: Direct Exps:	\$375,873	\$2,350,605	\$300,000	\$2,247,873
Administration	\$0	\$0	\$143,185	\$0
Program Support	\$0	\$0	\$433,962	\$0
Subtotal: Other Exps:	\$0	\$0	\$577,147	\$0
Total GF/non-GF:	\$375,873	\$2,350,605	\$877,147	\$2,247,873
Program Total:	\$2,726,478		\$3,125,020	
Program FTE	0.00	0.00	0.00	28.00
Program Revenues				
Indirect for dep't Admin	\$97,096	\$0	\$90,123	\$0
Intergovernmental	\$0	\$2,350,605	\$0	\$2,247,873
Program Revenue for Admin	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
Total Revenue:	\$97,096	\$2,350,605	\$90,123	\$2,247,873

Explanation of Revenues

This program receives federal matching funds which cover 66% of the operational costs, and federal incentive dollars which are applied to program enhancements and help offset the County contribution. Federal matching revenue will be \$91,788 less than in FY05 because of projected reduced expenditures. Federal incentive revenue must, by federal regulation, be applied to the Support enforcement program. Incentive revenues will be approximately \$111,000 less than in FY05.

The \$400,000 general fund will leverage approximately \$1.7 million dollars in federal matching funds.

Significant Program Changes