

Priority: Safety
Program Offer Type: Existing Operating
Related Programs:
Frameworks:

Lead Agency: Sheriff
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Executive Summary

The Civil Unit is the enforcement arm of the civil and probate court system. Notice and enforcement actions originate through the civil, probate, and family courts and are processed through the delivery and services made by this unit. Civil enforcement actions are mandated to the County Sheriff.

Program Description

The Civil Unit is the ministerial arm of the Circuit Court. All court actions are initiated through a notification to the parties of a pending action, many delivered by the Civil Unit. Through the Civil Unit, court orders to seize and sell property, satisfy landlord/tenant actions, and enforce child custody disputes are enforced in an objective, fair, and equitable manner in compliance with Oregon statutes and Rules on Civil Procedure. Through the Probate Court, families, police officers and other interested parties seek involuntary commitment for allegedly mentally ill persons suffering from episodes so debilitating that they are a danger to themselves or others. The Civil Unit Deputy locates, transports, and provides security for the person and the court. When domestic violence threatens the family unit, Deputies in the Civil Unit serve domestic violence restraining orders to protect family members from violence and aggressive behavior.

Program Justification

A balanced public safety system provides citizens access to address their grievances in a safe, fair and equitable manner. The Civil Unit facilitates the enforcement actions of the court to hold offenders accountable and maintain order and equity to all citizens. Through service of domestic violence restraining orders the Civil Unit helps stabilize the family unit and provide a safe environment so that battered women and abused children can focus on recovery through counseling, court action, or other social service opportunities. As part of the Treatment Service Continuum allegedly mentally ill persons are provided access to the mental health system.

Performance Measures

The Civil Process Unit significantly contributes to a balanced public safety system by facilitating access and protection through the civil court system. To determine the effectiveness of this program, the following items will be measured:

- Percent of protective orders served within 24 hours of receipt.
- Percent of notice process served or returned as undeliverable within 10 working days.

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

During 2004, 72.7% of protective orders served; with 84.5 % of the civil documents processed. The goal for FY 2005-06 is:

- To have 90% of the protective orders served,
- To have 87% of all civil documents processed.

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

ORS 107.720-730, 206.010-070 and 180, 433.355, 93.530 and Chapter 23.
Oregon Rules on Civil Procedure Rule 7

Revenue/Expense Detail

	Proposed General Fund	Proposed Other Funds	Proposed General Fund	Proposed Other Funds
	2005	2005	2006	2006
Program Expenses				
Personnel	\$1,410,695	\$0	\$1,448,300	\$0
Contracts	\$1,000	\$0	\$1,024	\$0
Materials & Supplies	\$26,039	\$0	\$31,453	\$0
Internal Services	\$132,577	\$0	\$115,754	\$0
Subtotal: Direct Exps:	\$1,570,311	\$0	\$1,596,531	\$0
Administration	\$0	\$0	\$79,373	\$0
Program Support	\$0	\$0	\$125,696	\$0
Subtotal: Other Exps:	\$0	\$0	\$205,069	\$0
Total GF/non-GF:	\$1,570,311	\$0	\$1,801,600	\$0
Program Total:	\$1,570,311		\$1,801,600	
Program FTE	0.00	0.00	18.00	0.00
Program Revenues				
Fees, Permits & Charges	\$100,000	\$0	\$82,000	\$0
Intergovernmental	\$203,000	\$0	\$203,000	\$0
Other / Miscellaneous	\$2,000	\$0	\$0	\$0
Program Revenue for Admin	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
Total Revenue:	\$305,000	\$0	\$285,000	\$0

Explanation of Revenues

Revenues come from civil process fees and circuit court fees.

Significant Program Changes