

Priority: Accountability
Program Offer Type: Internal Service
Related Programs: 71007, 71009

Lead Agency: County Business
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Frameworks:

Executive Summary

This program offer includes the estimate of unemployment insurance to be paid out in FY 06. Cost estimates are based on experience.

Program Description

The Unemployment Insurance Program provides benefits to eligible workers who are unemployed through no fault of their own. Unemployment insurance replaces part of the income employees lose when they become unemployed.

Program Justification

Unemployment insurance is required by state law. In a related program (71008), there is a half FTE who monitors employment claims and challenges those that do not appear to meet eligibility criteria.

Performance Measures

1) Manage the appeal process such that costs are controlled and that determinations that should be challenged are challenged.

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

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Program Mandate: 1 Mandated Program & Funding Level

Unemployment Laws in the State of Oregon are governed under Oregon Employment Law (statutes 657.005 and 657.010).

Revenue/Expense Detail

	Proposed General Fund	Proposed Other Funds	Proposed General Fund	Proposed Other Funds
	2005	2005	2006	2006
Program Expenses				
Materials & Supplies	\$0	\$1,854,258	\$0	\$2,027,513
Subtotal: Direct Exps:	\$0	\$1,854,258	\$0	\$2,027,513
Administration	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
Program Support	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
Subtotal: Other Exps:	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
Total GF/non-GF:	\$0	\$1,854,258	\$0	\$2,027,513
Program Total:	\$1,854,258		\$2,027,513	
Program FTE	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
Program Revenues				
Fees, Permits & Charges	\$0	\$1,854,258	\$0	\$2,027,513
Program Revenue for Admin	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
Total Revenue:	\$0	\$1,854,258	\$0	\$2,027,513

Explanation of Revenues

Unemployment claims are funded by assessing a rate against monthly payroll of .9% for each department. Revenues to pay staffing costs are received from the Benefits Administration assessment.

Significant Program Changes

State mandates occasionally increase the time period for which benefits are allowed; this increases costs to the County. In addition, the County has laid off many more employees in the last 2 years than ever before due to funding cuts. This trend is expected to continue.