

Priority: Basic Needs
Program Offer Type: Existing Operating
Related Programs:

Lead Agency: District Attorney
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Program Characteristics:

Executive Summary

The Child Support Enforcement program provides parents with minor children with legal assistance in establishing, modifying and collecting child support, medical 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 approximately 8300 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 32 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

Measure Type	Primary Measure	Previous Year Actual (FY05-06)	Current Year Purchased (FY06-07)	Current Year Estimate (FY06-07)	Next Year Offer (FY07-08)
Output	Average number of child support cases worked.	8,319	8,340	8,320	8,325
Outcome	Amount of child support collected	32,005,339	31,500,000	31,750,000	32,000,000
Efficiency	Dollars collected for each general fund dollar spent on direct services	98	74	75	73

Performance Measure - Description

Average number of child support cases worked- the average number of child support cases assigned to the office each year.

Amount of child support collected- The amount of current and past due child support collected in the fiscal year.

Dollars collected for each general fund dollar spent on direct services- Total child support collected per fiscal year vs the amount of County general fund spent on direct services for the program.

Legal/Contractual Obligation

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

Revenue/Expense Detail

	Proposed General Fund	Proposed Other Funds	Proposed General Fund	Proposed Other Funds
Program Expenses	2007	2007	2008	2008
Personnel	\$65,182	\$1,959,500	\$393,500	\$1,720,987
Contracts	\$0	\$20,000	\$0	\$21,270
Materials & Supplies	\$122	\$34,428	\$8,300	\$30,395
Internal Services	\$359,944	\$130,802	\$38,045	\$518,975
Subtotal: Direct Exps:	\$425,248	\$2,144,730	\$439,845	\$2,291,627
Administration	\$160,446	\$0	\$186,197	\$0
Program Support	\$428,205	\$0	\$449,301	\$0
Subtotal: Other Exps:	\$588,651	\$0	\$635,498	\$0
Total GF/non-GF:	\$1,013,899	\$2,144,730	\$1,075,343	\$2,291,627
Program Total:	\$3,158,629		\$3,366,970	
Program FTE	1.00	26.00	5.77	21.23
Program Revenues				
Indirect for dep't Admin	\$64,481	\$0	\$101,556	\$0
Intergovernmental	\$0	\$2,144,730	\$0	\$2,291,627
Program Revenue for Admin	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
Total Revenue:	\$64,481	\$2,144,730	\$101,556	\$2,291,627

Explanation of Revenues

In addition to county general fund, the program receives 66% federal matching funds and additional federal incentive dollars earned through performance measure achievement.

In Fy08 the program will receive \$1,619,779 in federal matching child support funding, \$404,348 incentive funding, \$267,500 state direct funding which is a new funding stream intended to offset changes in federal funding.

Significant Program Changes

 **Significantly Changed**

Last year this program was:

Last year the program requested a backfill in program offer 15020B, so this year that backfill program offer has been made part of 15020.

Materials and Services and Professional Services costs were calculated by reviewing the previous 12 month history of costs and then in most cases adding the 3.25% inflationary factor.