

Priority: Accountability
Program Offer Type: Existing Operating
Related Programs:

Lead Agency: County Management
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Program Characteristics:

Executive Summary

The Unemployment Insurance Program provides unemployment benefits to eligible workers who are unemployed due to layoff or other discharge for reasons other than misconduct. Unemployment insurance replaces part of the income which employees lose when they become unemployed.

Program Description

The Unemployment Insurance Program ensures eligible workers secure financial assistance. A benefits claim decision will typically favor the applicant if reports are late, data is inaccurate or an employer fails to respond to requested clarification. The program provides accurate and timely monitoring and reporting, and participates in all hearings to decrease costs and liability due to fraudulent claims.

Program Justification

The Unemployment Insurance Program supports the Accountability strategies of managing resources and service delivery costs effectively, and decreasing County risk. Administration of Unemployment Insurance as outsourced in previous years. County administration resumed at the start of calendar year 2004. Since then, expenses have been significantly reduced, even through benefit extension periods allowed by the Oregon Unemployment Office

Performance Measures

Measure Type	Primary Measure	Previous Year Actual (FY06-07)	Current Year Purchased (FY07-08)	Current Year Estimate (FY07-08)	Next Year Offer (FY08-09)
Output	Number of employee claims.	374	520	400	350
Outcome	Percentage of claim appeals found in the County's favor.	57.0%	70.0%	70.0%	70.0%
Output	Number of appeals.	14	10	10	10

Performance Measure - Description

It is the County's goal to support maximum benefit claims for eligible applicants and minimize fraudulent claims. A higher percentage of claims appeals found in County's favor means a lower expense and lower risk to the County. Fewer lay-offs are anticipated in FY09 than in previous years.

Legal/Contractual Obligation

Unemployment Insurance benefits are mandated by federal and state laws.
Oregon Employment Law, statutes 657.005 and 657.010
Federal Unemployment Act
Social Security Act

Revenue/Expense Detail

	Proposed General Fund	Proposed Other Funds	Proposed General Fund	Proposed Other Funds
Program Expenses	2008	2008	2009	2009
Personnel	\$0	\$17,875	\$0	\$18,860
Contracts	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
Materials & Supplies	\$0	\$1,971,099	\$0	\$1,971,057
Internal Services	\$0	\$1,931	\$0	\$2,879
Subtotal: Direct Exps:	\$0	\$1,990,905	\$0	\$1,992,796
Administration	\$17,222	\$7	\$14,287	\$3
Program Support	\$313	\$0	\$323	\$0
Subtotal: Other Exps:	\$17,535	\$7	\$14,610	\$3
Total GF/non-GF:	\$17,535	\$1,990,912	\$14,610	\$1,992,799
Program Total:	\$2,008,447		\$2,007,409	
Program FTE	0.00	0.15	0.00	0.15
Program Revenues				
Indirect for dep't Admin	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
Fees, Permits & Charges	\$0	\$1,335,341	\$0	\$0
Other / Miscellaneous	\$0	\$200,000	\$0	\$0
Program Revenue for Admin	\$7	\$0	\$3	\$0
Total Revenue:	\$7	\$1,535,341	\$3	\$0

Explanation of Revenues

Unemployment claims are funded by assessing a rate based on .8% of monthly payroll for each department.

Significant Program Changes

Last year this program was: #72086, Central Human Resources Division - Unemployment Insurance