

Priority: Accountability **Lead Agency:** County Management
Program Offer Type: Existing Operating **Program Contact:** Travis Graves
Related Programs:
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 that 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 manages resources and service delivery costs effectively, and decreases 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 (FY07-08) | Current Year Purchased (FY08-09) | Current Year Estimate (FY08-09) | Next Year Offer (FY09-10) |
|--------------|--|--------------------------------|----------------------------------|---------------------------------|---------------------------|
| Output | Number of employee claims. | 325 | 350 | 575 | 700 |
| Outcome | Percentage of claim appeals found in the County's favor. | 94.4% | 70.0% | 86.0% | 75.0% |
| Output | Number of appeals. | 14 | 10 | 14 | 17 |

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 the County's favor means a lower expense and lower risk to the County.

Number of employee claims estimated to increase significantly for current year and FY10 due to employee lay-offs from budget reductions.

Legal/Contractual Obligation

Unemployment Insurance benefits are mandated by federal and state laws.
Oregon Employment Law, statues 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 | 2009 | 2009 | 2010 | 2010 |
| Personnel | \$0 | \$18,860 | \$0 | \$22,511 |
| Materials & Supplies | \$0 | \$1,971,057 | \$0 | \$1,001,025 |
| Internal Services | \$0 | \$2,879 | \$0 | \$4,297 |
| Subtotal: Direct Exps: | \$0 | \$1,992,796 | \$0 | \$1,027,833 |
| Administration | \$10,734 | \$0 | \$10,314 | \$0 |
| Program Support | \$366 | \$0 | \$317 | \$0 |
| Subtotal: Other Exps: | \$11,100 | \$0 | \$10,631 | \$0 |
| Total GF/non-GF: | \$11,100 | \$1,992,796 | \$10,631 | \$1,027,833 |
| Program Total: | \$2,003,896 | | \$1,038,464 | |
| Program FTE | 0.00 | 0.15 | 0.00 | 0.15 |
| Program Revenues | | | | |
| Program Revenue for Admin | \$0 | \$0 | \$0 | \$0 |
| Total Revenue: | \$0 | \$0 | \$0 | \$0 |

Explanation of Revenues

Unemployment claims are funded by assessing a rate based on .4% of monthly payroll for each department.

Significant Program Changes

Last year this program was: #72071, DCM-Central Human Resources Division - Unemployment Insurance