

Lead Agency: District Attorney
Program Offer Type: Existing Operating
Related Programs:
Program Characteristics:

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Executive Summary

The ME's Office, which is physically located in Clackamas County, determines cause of death for residents who die in special circumstances, such as accidents, violence, drug involvement, and employment.

Program Description

The ME's Office determines cause of death for residents who die in special circumstances such as accidents, violence, drug involvement, and employment. Approximately 2500 of the County's 7,000 yearly deaths fall into this category. The office is responsible for establishing cause and manner of death, notifying the next-of-kin, and protecting the property of the deceased until a personal representative takes charge. Local discretion is limited by the mandates and State Medical Examiner supervision authority arising from ORS 146. The DA's Office provides assistance when necessary. The Medical Examiners Office is highly visible to the public whenever a death occurs within a community and is directly involved with the families and loved ones of deceased individuals on a daily basis.

Performance Measures

| Measure Type | Primary Measure | Previous Year Actual (FY08-09) | Current Year Purchased (FY09-10) | Current Year Estimate (FY09-10) | Next Year Offer (FY10-11) |
|--------------|--|--------------------------------|----------------------------------|---------------------------------|---------------------------|
| Output | Number of reported cases | 2,047 | 2,250 | 2,100 | 2,250 |
| Outcome | Percentage of cases with a positive ID | 99.9% | 99.5% | 99.9% | 99.9% |

Performance Measure - Description

The number of reported cases and the number of death notifications from outside the County combined.
 The percentage of reported cases in which the ME office made a positive ID.

Legal/Contractual Obligation

Medical Examiner: ORS 146.085 Deputy medical examiners, 146.088 When medical examiner is officer or employee of public body, 146.090 Deaths requiring investigation, 146.095 Responsibility for investigation. (1) The district medical examiner and the district attorney for the county where death occurs, as provided by ORS 146.100 (2), shall be responsible for the investigation of all deaths requiring investigation.

Revenue/Expense Detail

| | Proposed General Fund | Proposed Other Funds | Proposed General Fund | Proposed Other Funds |
|-------------------------|-----------------------|----------------------|-----------------------|----------------------|
| Program Expenses | 2010 | 2010 | 2011 | 2011 |
| Personnel | \$765,745 | \$0 | \$785,944 | \$0 |
| Contracts | \$65,500 | \$0 | \$65,500 | \$0 |
| Materials & Supplies | \$12,108 | \$0 | \$11,608 | \$0 |
| Internal Services | \$33,223 | \$0 | \$37,298 | \$0 |
| Total GF/non-GF: | \$876,576 | \$0 | \$900,350 | \$0 |
| Program Total: | \$876,576 | | \$900,350 | |
| Program FTE | 9.00 | 0.00 | 9.00 | 0.00 |
| Program Revenues | | | | |
| Total Revenue: | \$0 | \$0 | \$0 | \$0 |

Explanation of Revenues

Significant Program Changes

Last year this program was: #15007, Medical Examiners Office