

Lead Agency: Health Department

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Program Offer Type: Existing Operating

Related Programs:

Program Characteristics:

Executive Summary

The Medical Examiner'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 Medical Examiner's Office determines cause of death for residents who die in special circumstances such as accidents, violence, drug involvement, and employment. Approximately 2,500 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 District Attorney's Office provides assistance when necessary. The Medical Examiner's 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 (FY09-10)	Current Year Purchased (FY10-11)	Current Year Estimate (FY10-11)	Next Year Offer (FY11-12)
Output	Number of reported cases	2,052	2,250	2,200	2,200
Outcome	Percentage of cases with a positive ID	100.0%	99.9%	99.0%	99.0%

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 Medical Examiner's 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	2011	2011	2012	2012
Personnel	\$785,944	\$0	\$814,318	\$0
Contracts	\$65,500	\$0	\$65,500	\$0
Materials & Supplies	\$11,608	\$0	\$11,933	\$0
Internal Services	\$37,298	\$0	\$45,523	\$0
Total GF/non-GF:	\$900,350	\$0	\$937,274	\$0
Program Total:	\$900,350		\$937,274	
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: #15005, Medical Examiner's Office