

#### Program #15104 - Child Support Enforcement

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**Department:** District Attorney

**Program Offer Type: Existing Operating Program** Program Offer Stage: As Adopted

**Related Programs:** 

**Program Characteristics:** 

## **Executive Summary**

The Multnomah County District Attorney's Support Enforcement Division (SED) establishes, modifies and enforces paternity, child support and medical support orders for the families of Multnomah County as part of The Oregon Child Support Program (OCSP) by working with both parents to provide the financial and emotional support their children need to grow and thrive. OCSP delegates the authority of non-public assistance cases to county district attorney's offices.

## **Program Summary**

The Child Support Enforcement (CSE) Program, operated by the Support Enforcement Division (SED), was enacted in 1975 as a federal-state-local partnership. The federal government reimburses each state 66% of all allowable expenditures on CSE activities, including staffing costs. The federal government's funding is "open-ended" in that it pays its percentage of expenditures by matching the amounts spent by state and local governments with no upper limit or ceiling.

Operating in two locations (Downtown and East County), the SED routinely carries an average caseload of approximately 7000 cases and collects approximately \$31 million annually. Every dollar collected (less a \$25 annual fee) is sent directly to custodial parents for the benefit of the children in our community, providing a critical safety net for families.

SED, using automated, administrative, and judicial means to enforce court orders, currently collects on about 81% of our caseload every month, resulting in payments benefiting over 10,000 children in our community. SED also works with the courts to offer those that are unable to meet their obligations with tools to do so such as assistance with job placement, addiction evaluations, and mental health services referrals.

In addition to enforcing child support and medical support orders SED also assists families by establishing paternity. establishing support and medical orders, modifying support orders to ensure a fair support amount, and establishing arrears on past support owed.

SED works with all 50 states, local tribes, and US territories, to cooperatively provide child support services. In addition, OCSP and CSE have reciprocity agreements with over 30 foreign nations.

Performance Measures									
Measure Type	Primary Measure	FY14 Actual	FY15 Purchased	FY15 Estimate	FY16 Offer				
Output	Average cases worked per month	6706	7000	6750	6750				
Outcome	Amount of child support collected	\$30,272,79 4	\$30,000,00 0	\$30,000,00 0	\$30,000,00 0				

#### **Performance Measures Descriptions**

Output - Average cases worked per month

Outcome - The total amount of child support and past due child support collected during the year.

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# **Legal / Contractual Obligation**

ORS 25.080 provides the statutory authority and responsibility for the Multnomah County District Attorney Support Enforcement Division per intergovernmental agreement with the Division of Child Support, Oregon Department of Justice.

# **Revenue/Expense Detail**

	Proposed General Fund	Proposed Other Funds	Proposed General Fund	Proposed Other Funds
Program Expenses	2015	2015	2016	2016
Personnel	\$654,540	\$1,756,740	\$596,429	\$1,951,535
Contractual Services	\$0	\$10,000	\$0	\$10,000
Materials & Supplies	\$0	\$38,097	\$0	\$38,097
Internal Services	\$0	\$443,642	\$121,101	\$363,275
Total GF/non-GF	\$654,540	\$2,248,479	\$717,530	\$2,362,907
Program Total: \$2,903,019		\$3,080,437		
Program FTE	6.83	19.17	4.09	21.91

Program Revenues								
Indirect for Dept. Admin	\$83,989	\$0	\$129,455	\$0				
Fees, Permits & Charges	\$0	\$29,671	\$0	\$26,201				
Intergovernmental	\$0	\$2,208,807	\$0	\$2,336,706				
Beginning Working Capital	\$0	\$10,001	\$0	\$0				
Total Revenue	\$83,989	\$2,248,479	\$129,455	\$2,362,907				

## **Explanation of Revenues**

\$1,849,115 in Federal child support funding.

\$26,201 in revenue from State of Oregon program fees.

\$302,289 in Federal program incentive revenue.

\$185,302 in State of Oregon General Fund revenue.

## Significant Program Changes

Last Year this program was: FY 2015: 15010A Child Support Enforcement

Combines previously separate program offer 15010B - SED - Support Enforcement Agents