

## Program #15104 - Child Support Enforcement

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**Department:** District Attorney

**Existing Operating Program** 

**Program Offer Type: Related Programs:** 

**Program Characteristics:** 

Program Offer Stage: As Proposed

## **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 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 7,500 cases and collects approximately \$31 million annually. Every dollar collected (less a \$25 annual fee after \$500 collected) is sent directly to custodial parents for the benefit of the children in our community, providing a critical safety net for families.

Implemented in 2019, a modernized statewide child support computer conversion provides SED with a more automated system to establish, modify and enforce support orders which result in payments benefiting over 10,000 children in our community. While seeking accountability from parents ordered to pay support, SED also works to reduce barriers for those who are unable to meet their obligations by working with the courts to refer parents for job placement, addiction evaluations and appropriate mental health services.

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	FY19 Actual	FY20 Budgeted	FY20 Estimate	FY21 Offer			
Output	Average number of families (cases) assisted each month	7,896	7,700	7,900	7,900			
Outcome	Amount of child support collected (in Millions)	\$30	\$33.8	\$31	\$31			

#### **Performance Measures Descriptions**

For additional MCDA Budget Information:

https://www.mcda.us/index.php/documents/multnomah-county-district-attorneys-informational-budget-packet-fy-2021.pdf

# **Legal / Contractual Obligation**

Per ORS 25.080, the District Attorney's Office provides support services by application to 1) a child support recipient who lives in Multnomah County 2) a child support recipient who lives out of state but the obligating party lives in Multnomah County or 3) both the obligating party and support order are in Multnomah County. Cases may remain in the District Attorney caseload for the duration of the support order and until all arrears are paid in full. ORS 416.415 (paternity); ORS 416.425, (modifying support orders); ORS 416.429, (establish and enforce arrearages)

## Revenue/Expense Detail

	Adopted General Fund	Adopted Other Funds	Proposed General Fund	Proposed Other Funds	
Program Expenses	2020	2020	2021	2021	
Personnel	\$686,798	\$2,215,709	\$763,132	\$2,362,866	
Contractual Services	\$0	\$10,000	\$0	\$10,000	
Materials & Supplies	\$0	\$54,130	\$0	\$52,650	
Internal Services	\$198,481	\$791,528	\$223,559	\$782,924	
Total GF/non-GF	\$885,279	\$3,071,367	\$986,691	\$3,208,440	
Program Total:	\$3,95	\$3,956,646		\$4,195,131	
Program FTE	4.51	21.09	4.51	21.09	

Program Revenues							
Intergovernmental	\$0	\$3,041,905	\$0	\$3,178,496			
Beginning Working Capital	\$0	\$29,462	\$0	\$29,944			
Total Revenue	\$0	\$3,071,367	\$0	\$3,208,440			

### **Explanation of Revenues**

This program generates \$536,481 in indirect revenues.

\$2,982,161 Child Support Enforcement (CSE) Program, Oregon Department of Justice/Child Support Program/Support Enforcement Division (SED), Federal through State

\$196,335 Child Support Enforcement (CSE) Program, Oregon Department of Justice/Child Support Program/Support Enforcement Division (SED), State

\$29,944 Beginning Working Capital

### Significant Program Changes

Last Year this program was: FY 2020: 15104-20 Child Support Enforcement

For more information about SED performance measures, please see

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