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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	FY13 Actual	FY14 Purchased	FY14 Estimate	FY15 Offer
Output	Cases worked per year	6966	7100	7000	7000
Outcome	Amount of child support collected	\$30,163,728	\$30,000,000	\$30,000,000	\$30,000,000

Performance Measures Descriptions

Output - Number of cases worked per year based on monthly averages.

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

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	2014	2014	2015	2015
Personnel	\$595,500	\$1,616,025	\$603,513	\$1,662,988
Contractual Services	\$0	\$10,000	\$0	\$10,000
Materials & Supplies	\$0	\$35,336	\$0	\$38,097
Internal Services	\$0	\$468,518	\$0	\$438,890
Total GF/non-GF	\$595,500	\$2,129,879	\$603,513	\$2,149,975
Program Total:	\$2,725,379		\$2,753,488	
Program FTE	7.33	16.67	6.12	17.88

Program Revenues				
Indirect for Dept. Admin	\$99,380	\$0	\$80,685	\$0
Fees, Permits & Charges	\$0	\$40,000	\$0	\$29,671
Intergovernmental	\$0	\$2,089,879	\$0	\$2,110,303
Beginning Working Capital	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$10,001
Total Revenue	\$99,380	\$2,129,879	\$80,685	\$2,149,975

Explanation of Revenues

\$1,616,181 in Federal child support funding.
\$29,671 in revenue from State of Oregon program fees.
\$10,001 in DEFRA revenue.
\$301,215 in Federal program incentive revenue.
\$192,907 in State of Oregon General Fund revenue.

Significant Program Changes

Last Year this program was: 15015 Child Support Enforcement