

Department: District Attorney

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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. This program offer will add two Support Enforcement Agents to SED.

Program Summary

The Multnomah County District Attorney Support Enforcement Division (SED) was recently made aware of approximately 2,200 support-enforcement cases that qualify for enforcement services. These cases were inadvertently assigned to the Oregon Department of Justice and have received little to no enforcement services. At this time only 57% of the 2200 cases are seeing monthly support payments.

To handle the influx of cases, which will increase SED's overall caseload by 32%, SED will need two additional Child Support Enforcement Agents. The additional agents will allow SED to keep caseloads at approximately 800 per agent (agents are currently assigned around 700 cases). Without adding these additional agents, staff caseloads will grow to over 900 cases. Such a caseload would not allow agents to maintain current service and collections levels, reducing the potential for success in collecting on the new cases.

With two additional agents, SED can work the new cases as thoroughly as it works its current caseload. Raising the collection levels on the incoming cases to SED's current performance of 81% would represent an additional 520 families getting an average of \$325 a month. That is an additional two million dollars a year directly into the hands of vulnerable families that have had to previously rely on public assistance.

Performance Measures

Measure Type	Primary Measure	FY13 Actual	FY14 Purchased	FY14 Estimate	FY15 Offer
Output	Number of cases worked per year	0	0	0	2200
Outcome	Amount of child support collected	0	0	0	2000000

Performance Measures Descriptions

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	\$0	\$0	\$51,027	\$93,752
Internal Services	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$4,752
Total GF/non-GF	\$0	\$0	\$51,027	\$98,504
Program Total:	\$0		\$149,531	
Program FTE	0.00	0.00	0.70	1.30

Program Revenues				
Indirect for Dept. Admin	\$0	\$0	\$3,304	\$0
Intergovernmental	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$98,504
Total Revenue	\$0	\$0	\$3,304	\$98,504

Explanation of Revenues

\$98,503 in Federal child support funding.

Significant Program Changes

Last Year this program was: