

Legal / Contractual Obligation

ORS 146 specifies responsibilities and authorities for the Office (i.e. deaths requiring investigation; responsibility for investigation; notification of death; removal of body; authority to enter and secure premises; notification of next of kin; authority to order removal of body fluids; autopsies; disposition of personal property; unidentified human remains). ORS 146 also establishes a hybrid state/county program structure which limits the county's authority over operations, procedures, and technical functions.

Revenue/Expense Detail

	Proposed General Fund	Proposed Other Funds	Proposed General Fund	Proposed Other Funds
Program Expenses	2019	2019	2020	2020
Personnel	\$1,238,736	\$0	\$1,365,433	\$0
Contractual Services	\$17,010	\$0	\$16,727	\$0
Materials & Supplies	\$83,906	\$0	\$87,894	\$0
Internal Services	\$130,607	\$0	\$134,113	\$0
Total GF/non-GF	\$1,470,259	\$0	\$1,604,167	\$0
Program Total:	\$1,470,259		\$1,604,167	
Program FTE	11.00	0.00	11.00	0.00

Program Revenues				
Total Revenue	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0

Explanation of Revenues

Significant Program Changes

Last Year this program was: FY 2019: 40052A-19 Medical Examiner

The MC Medical Examiner's Office (MCMEO) has experienced an increase in budget costs related to collective bargaining, which increased staff salaries by 6% and increased both shift and relief shift differentials. The MCMEO currently employs a staff of 7 full-time Deputy Med. Examiners (aka, Death Investigators) and 1 Chief Deputy Med. Examiner to cover an ORS-required 24/7/365 operation. The MCMEO is physically co-located with the Clackamas County and Oregon ME Offices in an Oregon State Police facility in Clackamas County. In 2018, the MCMEO investigated 2,313 deaths. With the addition of a 7th investigator this year, the MCMEO has increased the number of scene responses to cases that were previously phone reviews (1,162 cases). Currently, the MCMEO has 2 scene vehicles for scene response. Due to the increased number of investigations, the MCMEO will purchase a 3rd vehicle to increase scene response times.