

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

	Adopted General Fund	Adopted Other Funds	Requested General Fund	Requested Other Funds
Program Expenses	2021	2021	2022	2022
Personnel	\$1,464,418	\$15,993	\$1,525,186	\$0
Contractual Services	\$62,555	\$0	\$96,814	\$0
Materials & Supplies	\$60,487	\$7	\$31,390	\$0
Internal Services	\$266,827	\$1,872	\$219,351	\$0
Total GF/non-GF	\$1,854,287	\$17,872	\$1,872,741	\$0
Program Total:	\$1,872,159		\$1,872,741	
Program FTE	11.00	0.00	11.50	0.00

Program Revenues				
Intergovernmental	\$0	\$17,872	\$0	\$0
Total Revenue	\$0	\$17,872	\$0	\$0

Explanation of Revenues

Significant Program Changes

Last Year this program was: FY 2021: 40052 Medical Examiner

COVID-19: The MEO has expanded families' and the County's understanding of COVID-19 related deaths and individuals' health-seeking behavior during the pandemic. The COVID-19 pandemic has also increased costs associated with providing all staff appropriate PPE to conduct scene investigations and meetings with families.

Contractual Changes: Until Dec 2019, the MEO had been housed for decades with the State Medical Examiner's Office located in Clackamas County. The move to the new McCoy building shortened response times but has increased budget needs related to employee travel for daily intake at the State facility, overnight storage with our transportation company and overall increased transportation costs. Work is ongoing to minimize staff conducting intake and update a contract with the State Medical Examiner that accurately reflects each agency's contribution to this vital service.