

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	2018	2018	2019	2019
Personnel	\$0	\$0	\$55,627	\$0
Materials & Supplies	\$0	\$0	\$7,219	\$0
Total GF/non-GF	\$0	\$0	\$62,846	\$0
Program Total:	\$0		\$62,846	
Program FTE	0.00	0.00	0.30	0.00

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

Explanation of Revenues

Significant Program Changes

Last Year this program was:

The Multnomah County Medical Examiner's Office (MCMEO) currently employs a staff of six full-time Deputy Medical Examiners (aka Death Investigators) and one Chief Deputy Medical Examiner to cover an ORS-required 24/7/365 operation. The number of Death Investigators has remained the same since the early 1970s, despite a population increase of 30%. The objective of this proposal is to fund 0.30 FTE of a new 1.0 FTE Deputy Medical Examiner position to:

- 1) Increase the number of personnel available to respond to death scene investigations, death notifications and associated activities;
- 2) Increase death scene investigation response times;
- 3) Decrease the percentage of cases being reviewed by phone;
- 4) Decrease overtime of full-time staff, and improve case load, and decrease costs for on-call employees.