



Program #15104 - Child Support Enforcement

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Program Offer Type: Existing Operating Program **Program Offer Stage:** As Proposed

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 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 7500 cases and collects approximately \$31 million annually. Every dollar collected (less a \$25 annual fee after \$500 collected) is sent directly to custodial parents for the benefit of the children in our community, providing a critical safety net for families.

Implemented in 2019, a modernized statewide child support computer conversion provides SED with a more automated system to establish, modify and enforce support orders which result in payments benefiting over 10,000 children in our community. While seeking accountability from parents ordered to pay support, SED also works to reduce barriers for those who are unable to meet their obligations by working with the courts to refer parents for job placement, addiction evaluations and appropriate mental health services.

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	FY18 Actual	FY19 Purchased	FY19 Estimate	FY20 Offer
Output	Average number of families (cases) assisted each month	7,515	7,916	7,600	7,700
Outcome	Amount of child support collected	\$33.4M	\$30.0M	\$33.6M	\$33.8M

Performance Measures Descriptions

For additional MCDA Budget Information:
<http://mcda.us/wp-content/uploads/2019/02/MCDA-Budget-Informational-Packet-FY-20.pdf>

Legal / Contractual Obligation

Per ORS 25.080, the District Attorney's Office provides support services by application to 1) a child support recipient who lives in Multnomah County 2) a child support recipient who lives out of state but the obligating party lives in Multnomah County or 3) both the obligating party and support order are in Multnomah County. Per ORS 416.415, the District Attorney's Office provides assistance to either parent in establishing paternity for a child. Per ORS 416.425, the District Attorney's Office provides assistance to either parent in modifying their support order to ensure a fair and equitable support amount per Oregon Child Support Guidelines OAR 137-050-0700. Per ORS 416.429, the District Attorney's Office provides assistance to establish and enforce arrearages for families whose children may have reached the age of majority however support is an unpaid judgment.

Revenue/Expense Detail

	Proposed General Fund	Proposed Other Funds	Proposed General Fund	Proposed Other Funds
Program Expenses	2019	2019	2020	2020
Personnel	\$610,372	\$2,089,890	\$686,798	\$2,215,709
Contractual Services	\$0	\$10,000	\$0	\$10,000
Materials & Supplies	\$0	\$53,997	\$0	\$54,130
Internal Services	\$201,934	\$667,812	\$198,481	\$791,528
Total GF/non-GF	\$812,306	\$2,821,699	\$885,279	\$3,071,367
Program Total:	\$3,634,005		\$3,956,646	
Program FTE	5.79	19.81	4.51	21.09

Program Revenues				
Intergovernmental	\$0	\$2,791,189	\$0	\$3,041,905
Beginning Working Capital	\$0	\$30,510	\$0	\$29,462
Total Revenue	\$0	\$2,821,699	\$0	\$3,071,367

Explanation of Revenues

\$2,868,311 Child Support Enforcement (CSE) Program, Oregon Department of Justice/Child Support Program/Support Enforcement Division (SED), Federal through State

\$203,056 Child Support Enforcement (CSE) Program, Oregon Department of Justice/Child Support Program/Support Enforcement Division (SED), State

Significant Program Changes

Last Year this program was: FY 2019: 15104-19 Child Support Enforcement

For more information about SED performance measures, please see