

Lane County - Service Option Sheet - FY 16-17 Proposed

SOS 8 Family Law - Child Support Prosecution

Service Category: Public Safety

Dept: District Attorney
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Mandate:	None	Related	SHALL
Leverage:	None	Some	HIGH

Executive Summary

Parents are obligated by law to support their children. When parents separate, divorce or paternity is established, the Court often orders that child support be paid. The Family Law Division collects this child support for the custodial parents. Total collections average \$18,000,000 per year for local children and their families. \$1 of County General Fund buys about \$3.80 of program operations.

Service Level Descriptions (Read from bottom up. Level 1 = minimum viable service level.)

	Other Funds	Expense Total	General Fund	FTE
Proposed Budget Total	\$1,679,791	\$2,135,653	\$455,862	14.10
Level 1: Threshold	\$1,679,791	\$2,135,653	\$455,862	14.10

Mandated services include: establishment of paternity, child support and medical support orders; enforcement and modification of child support orders and medical insurance obligations; initiating and responding to interjurisdictional child support establishment, enforcement, and modification requests. Federal and state laws govern the level of service required. Strict timelines and performance guidelines are imposed. Failure to meet them can lead to a loss of federal funding.

State/Federal Mandate

ORS 25.080; OAR 137-055-2020; 42 USC Sections 651-669; 45 CFR 303; ORS 25.080 "... The entity shall provide the support enforcement services described in subsection (4)...". The following entity is primarily responsible per ORS 25.080(1)b "...the district attorney in cases other than those described in paragraph (a)". 25.080(7) "All county governing bodies and all district attorneys shall enter into child support cooperative agreements with the [D]department [of Justice, Division of Child Support]".

Leverage Details

The General Fund portion of this program leverages the following:

\$1,679,791	back to the Discretionary General Fund
\$0	into other non Discretionary County Funds
\$22,000,000	directly to community members (child support payments)

For the purpose of this comparison, only include leveraged funds that are dependent on General Fund revenue. Do not include funds that would still be leveraged if the General Fund portion of the service were decreased or eliminated.