

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

### SOS 9 Medical Examiner

Service Category: Public Safety

Dept: District Attorney

Mandate: None

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Leverage: None

Some

**HIGH**

### Executive Summary

Lane County Deputy Medical Examiners will be called to investigate between 1,000 and 1,200 suspicious and unattended deaths over the next year. Our Chief Deputy Medical Examiner and Deputy Medical Examiner work with law enforcement partners, the State Medical Examiner's pathologist assigned to Lane County and others to investigate and report cause and manner of death. Over 5 FTE are required to fully cover a 24/7 post, but Lane County continues to manage 24/7 coverage with only two full-time employees and a handful of part-time staff who agree to accept on-call shifts.

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

	Other Funds	Expense Total	General Fund	FTE
<b>Proposed Budget Total</b>	\$0	\$385,160	\$385,160	2.00
<b>Level 1: Threshold</b>	\$0	\$385,160	\$385,160	2.00

Work with law enforcement partners, the State Medical Examiner's pathologist assigned to Lane County, and others to investigate and report the cause and manner of all unattended and suspicious deaths. We are below threshold staffing now. The system will continue functioning at this staffing level only as long as we're able to continue finding qualified staff who are willing to accept "on-call" compensation for working extended weekend and night shifts.

### State/Federal Mandate

ORS 146.065, 146.075, 146.085

### Leverage Details

The General Fund portion of this program leverages the following:

\$0	back to the Discretionary General Fund
\$0	into other non Discretionary County Funds
\$0	directly to community members

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.