Lane County - Service Option Sheet - FY 23-24 Proposed

SOS: **Family Law**
Dept: District Attorney
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Service Category: Public Safety

Mandate	None	Related	**SHALL**
Leverage	None	Some	**HIGH**

Executive Summary

Parents are obligated by law to support their children. The Family Law Division establishes paternity and child support orders for children and families. The Family Law Division collects child support for the custodial parents, when the court has ordered such support, and enforces medical support orders. The Family Law Division also modifies child support orders to be in compliance with Oregon law. Total collections have decreased slightly due to a decline in cases, though the workload has not due to an increase in more complicated cases.

Service Descriptions

	Revenue	Expense Total	General Fund	FTE
Proposed Budget Total	$2,108,281	$2,666,439	$558,158	15.00

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. Child support caseloads have declined statewide and nationally for reasons that are still being determined. Family Law Division continues to collect a high percentage of the child support owed. Federal matching funds have not been impacted, and Federal incentive paments remain stable. The Oregon Child Support Program, along with other state programs, are reviewing ways in which child support services can be accessed by a broader population. Increased outreach may be necessary to ensure that there is widespread knowledge of the valuable child support services available to all Oregon children and families.

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:

$2,108,281	back to the Discretionary General Fund
$0	into other non Discretionary County Funds
$17,000,000	directly to community members