

DEPARTMENT OF THE DISTRICT ATTORNEY



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Department Overview

Mission: Strive to improve public safety and quality of life by prosecuting the guilty, protecting the innocent, securing appropriate support for children and families, and determining cause and manner of death in all cases of traumatic or unattended death.

- Criminal Prosecution Division, including Juvenile
- Family Law Division
- Support Services Division, including Victim Services, Death Investigations, Prosecution Clerical Staff



FY 20-21 Budget Details

20-21 RESOURCES – Justice Reinvestment (JRI) Funds

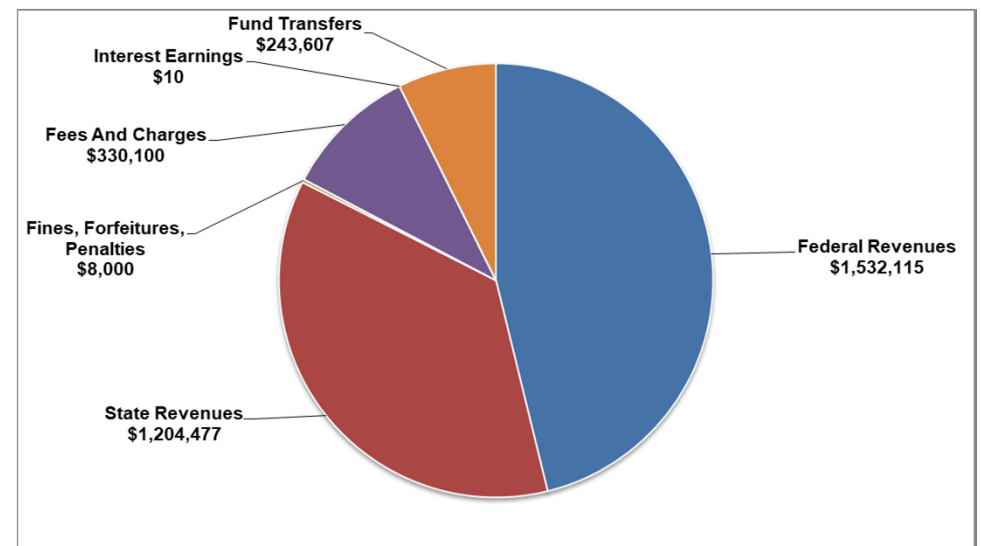
- 416 Project Funds greatly reduced beginning FY19-20 and continuing into FY20-21
- \$243,607 in additional General Funds needed to retain staff, and maintain current service levels of having 0 cases “no-filed due to resources” (aka, filing all viable cases referred to us by law enforcement)



FY 20-21 Budget Details

20-21 RESOURCES

- Federal Rev: Child Support Enforcement Grant
- State Rev: CFA Funds (Victim Services); State DOJ GF Support (Child Support Enforcement)
- Federal Pass-Through Grants: VAWA (DV Investigator), VOCA (Victim Services), ODOT (DUII Investigator)
- Fees And Charges – Discovery Revenue; Sentencing Grids



FY 20-21 COVID-19 Resource Impact

At Risk

- None

Not at Risk

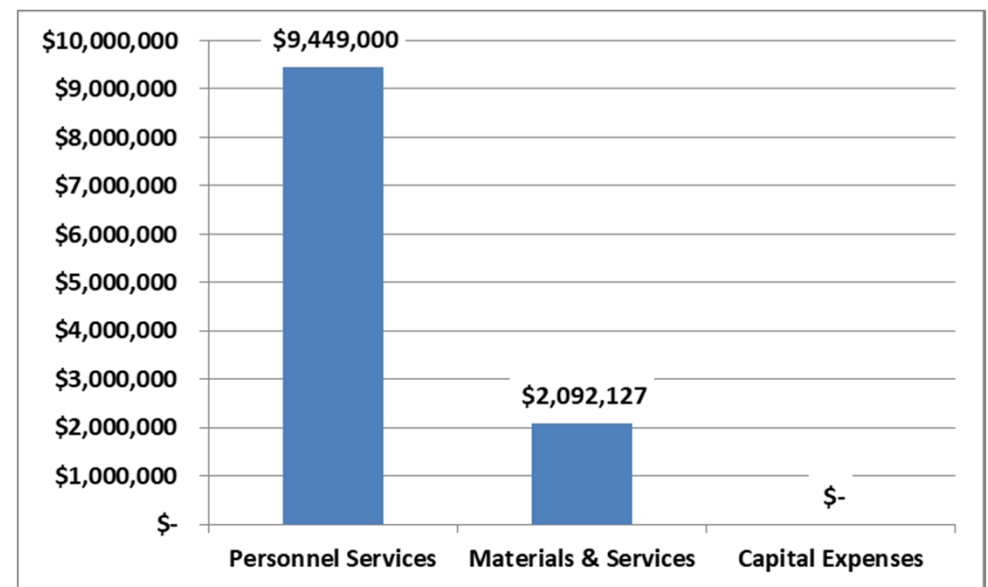
- Grant funds
- State Revenue (CFA Funds & State DOJ funds for Child Support Enforcement)



FY 20-21 Budget Details

20-21 EXPENDITURES

- Other than personnel and fixed costs, expenses are unpredictable.
- Specific expenses causing issues: Expert witness fees, out of state witness travel, fees charged for records and transcripts, increasing costs of technical training and membership fees, Grand Jury recordation, and increased body transport fees.



Criminal Division

Mission: Investigate and prosecute violations of Oregon criminal statutes, and assist the Juvenile court.

- Teams: Major Crimes, Domestic Violence, 2 General Felony & Misdemeanor; one attorney assigned to juvenile; one attorney assigned to treatment courts (Drug, Veteran, Mental Health)
- Three investigators and six attorneys on call to assist law enforcement
- Civil Commitment hearings
- Public Records Appeals
- Expungements and Motions regarding sex offender registration requirements and license reinstatement
- Mandated recording of Grand Jury proceedings began July 1, 2019, with no reimbursement from the State to date and no proposal to include attorney time for preliminary hearings, protective orders, time to review transcripts, or paralegal time to process recordings and provide discovery
- FY19-20 service impacts due to COVID-19: attorneys working and appearing in court remotely, support staff on social distancing schedule, lobby hours for public access reduced
- FTE decrease due to separating Prosecution Clerical Support into its own DeptID, and 1 FTE decrease due to DV Investigator changing from DA Employee to 'trainee position' within Sheriff's Office.

FTE: 29.00

Proposed FY 20-21 Resources: \$922,537 Expenses: \$6,184,503



Family Law Division

Mission: Enforce child support and health care coverage orders, establish paternity, establish new child support and health care coverage orders, and modify existing support orders in conformance with the Oregon Child Support Guidelines. The Division provides these services in compliance with Federal and State statutes and regulations.

- Secures appropriate support for children and families
- Works to increase parent compliance with health care coverage orders for children
- Conversion to the new state case management system, ORIGIN, has had unanticipated costs. Extensive training and numerous technical issues have resulted in increased overtime to manage the workload
- FY19-20 service impacts due to COVID-19: attorneys working and appearing in court remotely, support staff on social distancing schedule, lobby hours for public access reduced

FTE: 14.00

Proposed FY 20-21 Resources: \$1,662,861 Expenses: \$2,246,527



Support Services Division

Mission: Provide comprehensive services to crime victims in order to guarantee that victims' constitutional and statutory rights are upheld; investigate unattended or non-natural deaths that are required by ORS Chapter 146; provide clerical support to criminal division attorneys

- Victim/Witness Program provides victim notification; restitution investigation and documentation; assisting victims filing for protective orders; referring victims to other community agencies; counseling referral as appropriate; and assisting victims with filing claims with the State of Oregon Crime Victims' Compensation program
- Death Investigations include apparent homicides, suicides, accidents, unattended or those under suspicious or unknown circumstances; determining the cause and manner of death. The division also investigates found bones; determining if they are human versus non-human, determining identity and establishing the cause and manner of death
- Prosecution Clerical staff provide assistance with case management, court filings, discovery, and records management
- FY19-20 service impacts due to COVID-19: Support staff on social distancing schedule, lobby hours for public access reduced

FTE: 29.00

Proposed FY 20-21 Resources: \$732,911 Expenses: \$3,110,097



Highlights of FY 19-20 Outcomes

\$20,000,000 :
Child Support
collected by Family
Law

1,851:
Petitioners Victim
Services assisted with
Protective Orders

6,800:
Referrals to the
Criminal Division from
Lane County Law
Enforcement

1,200:
Unattended or
suspicious deaths
investigated

17,353 / 2,446:
Services provided
/Victims served

38 / 16:
DUII Investigator
Warrant
Attempts/Warrants
Served

4,100:
Child Support Cases
Handled

30/9/5:
Drug Court Graduates/
Veterans Court Graduates/
Mental Health Court
Graduates
*as of 3/31/20

4,396:
Hours provided by **20**
Victim Services
Volunteers



Future Challenges & Opportunities

Budget Changes from current budget?

- Increase in personnel costs and Professional & Consulting
- Moving Domestic Violence Investigator to Sheriff's Office
- Additional grant funds for Victim Services

Projected future COVID-19 impacts beyond the crisis?

- Unknown





Lane County Strategic Plan

Safe, Healthy County

- Holding offenders accountable.
- Utilizing DUII/fatality investigator.
- Working to initiate a DUII court.
- Investing liquor law money on campaign to reduce underage drinking and marijuana usage.
- Watching for disease and trends in cause of death.
- Enforcing support, medical care and education for children.

Vibrant Communities

- Ensuring all victims in our community have access to services regardless of language or other barriers.

Robust Infrastructure

- Taking care of our aging and inadequate facility.
- Working for improved security of existing facilities and planning for a new courthouse.

Our People & Partnerships

- Recruiting, hiring and retaining employees who actively work to support our department and countywide missions.
- Partnering with agencies to improve outcomes for those who come in contact with our department.



Questions?

- *Up Next: Sheriff's Office*

