



## Washington County, Oregon Budget Committee Proposed Budget Amendment Request

Fund-Org Unit: 7030 Public Health

1. Overview and purpose of requested amendment.

For over 30 years, the State Medical Examiner's Office (SMEO) has been fulfilling local statutory medical examiner duties for Washington County. On February 13, 2023, we were informed that the SMEO will stop providing these services as of July 1<sup>st</sup>, 2023. Part of these services include a physician signing death certificates for MEO jurisdiction cases. Washington County will now need to provide medical certification and signature on 400-500 cases and death certificates a year.

Further details can be found at the link below.

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2. Narrative of expenditure amendment.

The Medical Examiner's Office plans to develop a contract with a private physician to perform these new duties. The estimated contract amount is \$36,000. A Program Specialist is also being requested at an estimated cost of \$101,561 for salary and fringe. Indirect costs for this position are estimated at \$25,847. Materials and supplies for decedent storage are estimated at \$6,000 for biohazard waste disposal, \$2,000 for gloves, \$8,000 for body bags, and \$2,000 for biohazard cleaning supplies. MEO also plans to expand its contract with Synergy to provide decedent storage and external exam area for county death investigates. The estimate for this contract is \$100,000.

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3. Narrative of revenue to support expenditure amendment.

\$281,499 of general funds are being requested as no additional revenue is being provided by the state to cover these required activities.

Double click on worksheet to enter revenue and expenditure account details:

Revenue Accounts		Proposed Budget	Change +/-	Revised Proposed Budget
				\$ -
				-
				-
				-
<b>Total Revenue</b>		\$ -	\$ -	\$ -
Expenditure Accounts		Proposed Budget	Change +/-	Revised Proposed Budget
100.703015.51199.7031005.0000		\$ 101,652		\$ 101,652
100.703015.51285.7031005.0000		\$ 136,000		\$ 136,000
100.703015.51240.7031005.0000		\$ 18,000		\$ 18,000
100.703015.53505.7031005.0000		\$ 25,847		\$ 25,847
<b>Total Expenditures</b>		\$ 281,499	\$ -	\$ 281,499
<b>Net Change*</b>			\$ -	
* Budget Amendment need to be balanced. Net change must be \$0.				