

Criminal Fine Account

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Purpose

Criminal fines and assessments are deposited into the Criminal Fine Account (CFA) and used to support the criminal justice system and victim services.





Overview

- Municipal and justice courts register with DOR and remit fines monthly.
- According to legislative allocations, DOR transfers funds from the CFA each month.
- At the end of each biennium, remaining funds are distributed to the General Fund.



Reporting Process

- 200+ courts report and remit fines monthly.
- Municipal and justice courts report and remit fines to DOR for deposit into the CFA.
- Circuit court fines are collected by OJD and deposited into the CFA.

Reporting Categories



Criminal fines payable to state under ORS 153.633.



Traffic fines payable to state under ORS 153.640 and 153.350.



All other fines payable to state.

Actual Biennial Receipts



*2023-2025 Biennium amounts shown through December 2024.





Monthly Transfers

- Legislature allocates CFA funds to programs through a biennial bill.
- DOR transfers monthly based on 1/24 of the legislative allocation.
- By statute, no more than 1/8 of the total allocation may be transferred per quarter.

Monthly Transfers (cont.)

- When CFA receipts **exceed** the quarterly allocation, DOR retains the excess for future distribution.
- When receipts are below the allocation amount for the quarter, DOR uses the excess receipts from prior quarters.
- If CFA funds are insufficient to ensure a full monthly distribution, DOR apportions available funds in accordance with legislative priorities.
- At the end of each biennium, any remaining funds are distributed to the General Fund.



Allocation Priorities – ORS 137.300



- Public safety standards, training and facilities
- Criminal injuries compensation & assistance to victims
- Oregon State Police forensic services
- Maintenance and operation of Law Enforcement Data System (LEDS)

Tier II

- Law Enforcement Medical Liability
- State Court Facilities & Security
- Dept of Corrections programs.
- OHA alcohol and drug prevention grants
- OSP for enforcement of intoxicated driving laws
- Arrest and Return Account
- Intoxicated Driver Program Fund
- State Court Technology Fund

*DOR administrative expenses are paid first before transfers to agencies and programs.

Biennial Transfers

| Tier - Priority | ORS 137.300 Priority Area | BI 19-21 | BI 21-23 | BI 23-25* |
|---------------------|---|--------------|--------------|--------------|
| Tier 1 - Priority 1 | Public Safety Standards, Training, Facilities | \$33,265,300 | \$44,696,600 | \$41,053,500 |
| Tier 1 - Priority 2 | Criminal Injuries Compensation & Assistance to Victims | 23,234,100 | 26,380,800 | 20,572,100 |
| Tier 1 - Priority 3 | OSP Forensic Services | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| Tier 1 - Priority 4 | Maintenance & Operation of Law Enforcement Data Systems | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| Tier 2 | Law Enforcement Medical Liability Account | 1,300,000 | 1,300,000 | 802,200 |
| Tier 2 | State Court Facilities & Security | 6,716,000 | 7,205,400 | 4,877,400 |
| Tier 2 | Dept of Corrections Programs | 4,585,400 | 4,846,800 | 3,207,100 |
| Tier 2 | OHA Alcohol & Drug Prevention Grants | 42,900 | 42,900 | 31,600 |
| Tier 2 | OSP Enforcement of Intoxicated Driving Laws | 351,600 | 351,600 | 217,000 |
| Tier 2 | Arrest and Return Account | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| Tier 2 | Intoxicated Driver Program Fund | 4,323,000 | 4,323,000 | 2,667,700 |
| Tier 2 | State Court Technology Fund | 3,887,500 | 3,887,500 | 2,398,900 |
| N/A | DOR Admin Expenses | 100,000 | 100,000 | 75,000 |
| N/A | General Fund | 22,385,400 | 597,800 | 0 |
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*The 2023-2025 biennium reflects amounts transferred through December 2024 (18 months).

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23-25 Biennium Allocations

- CFA receipts have decreased in recent years.
- Funds allocated to only two of the four Tier I priority areas.
- The Department of Public Safety, Standards & Training received additional appropriation in 2024.
 - Mid-biennium increase to DPSST allowed only a short period to distribute additional funds.

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23-25 Biennium Approved Allocations vs. Actual

| Tier - Priority | ORS 137.300 Priority Area | 23-25 LAB full allocation | Legislative allocation thru 12/24 | Transfers thru 12/24 | Difference | % Difference |
|-----------------|--|------------------------------|--------------------------------------|-------------------------|-------------|-----------------|
| Tier 1 – 1 | Public Safety Standards, Training, Facilities | 55,296,200 | 41,472,200 | 41,053,500 | (418,600) | -1% |
| 11er 1 - 7 | Criminal Injuries Compensation & Assistance to Victims | 27,789,200 | 20,841,900 | 20,572,100 | (269,900) | -1% |
| Tier 1 – 3 | OSP Forensic Services | 0 | N/A | N/A | N/A | N/A |
| 11er 1 – 4 | Maintenance & Ops - Law Enforcement Data Systems | 0 | N/A | N/A | N/A | N/A |
| Tier 2 | Law Enforcement Medical Liability Account | 1,300,000 | 975,000 | 802,200 | (172,800) | -22% |
| Tier 2 | State Court Facilities & Security | 7,941,500 | 5,956,100 | 4,877,400 | (1,078,700) | -22% |
| Tier 2 | Dept of Corrections Programs | 5,197,200 | 3,897,900 | 3,207,100 | (690,800) | -22% |
| Tier 2 | OHA Alcohol & Drug Prevention Grants | 42,900 | 32,200 | 31,600 | (600) | -2% |
| Tier 2 | OSP Enforcement of Intoxicated Driving Laws | 351,600 | 263,700 | 217,000 | (46,700) | -22% |
| Tier 2 | Arrest and Return Account | 0 | N/A | N/A | N/A | N/A |
| Tier 2 | Intoxicated Driver Program Fund | 4,323,000 | 3,242,300 | 2,667,700 | (574,600) | -22% |
| Tier 2 | State Court Technology Fund | 3,887,500 | 2,915,600 | 2,398,900 | (516,700) | -22% |
| N/A | DOR Admin Expenses | 100,000 | 75,000 | 75,000 | (0) | 0% |
| N/A | General Fund | N/A | N/A | N/A | N/A | N/A |



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