



**ANNUAL REPORT
FOR
FISCAL YEAR 2024**

Fiscal Services Division/Reimbursement Unit
Department of Management and Budget



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FISCAL SERVICES DIVISION
REIMBURSEMENT UNIT

OAKLAND COUNTY EXECUTIVE DAVID COULTER

REIMBURSEMENT SECTIONS:

CIRCUIT COURT	248-858-0506
PROBATE/FAMILY COURT	248-858-1130

February 21, 2025

Honorable David Coulter
County Executive
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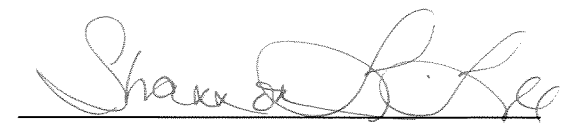
Dear Mr. Coulter:

Submitted herewith is the Fiscal Services Division-Reimbursement Unit Annual Report for Fiscal Year 2024, covering the period October 1, 2023 through September 30, 2024.

Total collections for the Circuit Court, Family Court, and Administration/Probate Court Sections (including credits for Community Service) for fiscal year 2024 were \$4,084,123. Expenditures for this unit were \$2,788,415 resulting in a collection/expense ratio of \$1.46 collected for every dollar expended. Prior year's information for comparison purposes is included in this report.

This unit will continue to review policies, improve procedures in an effort to increase collections and investigate new areas of collections for the future. The activities of the Fiscal Services Division- Reimbursement Unit for fiscal year 2024 are presented for your review.



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County Executive Administration

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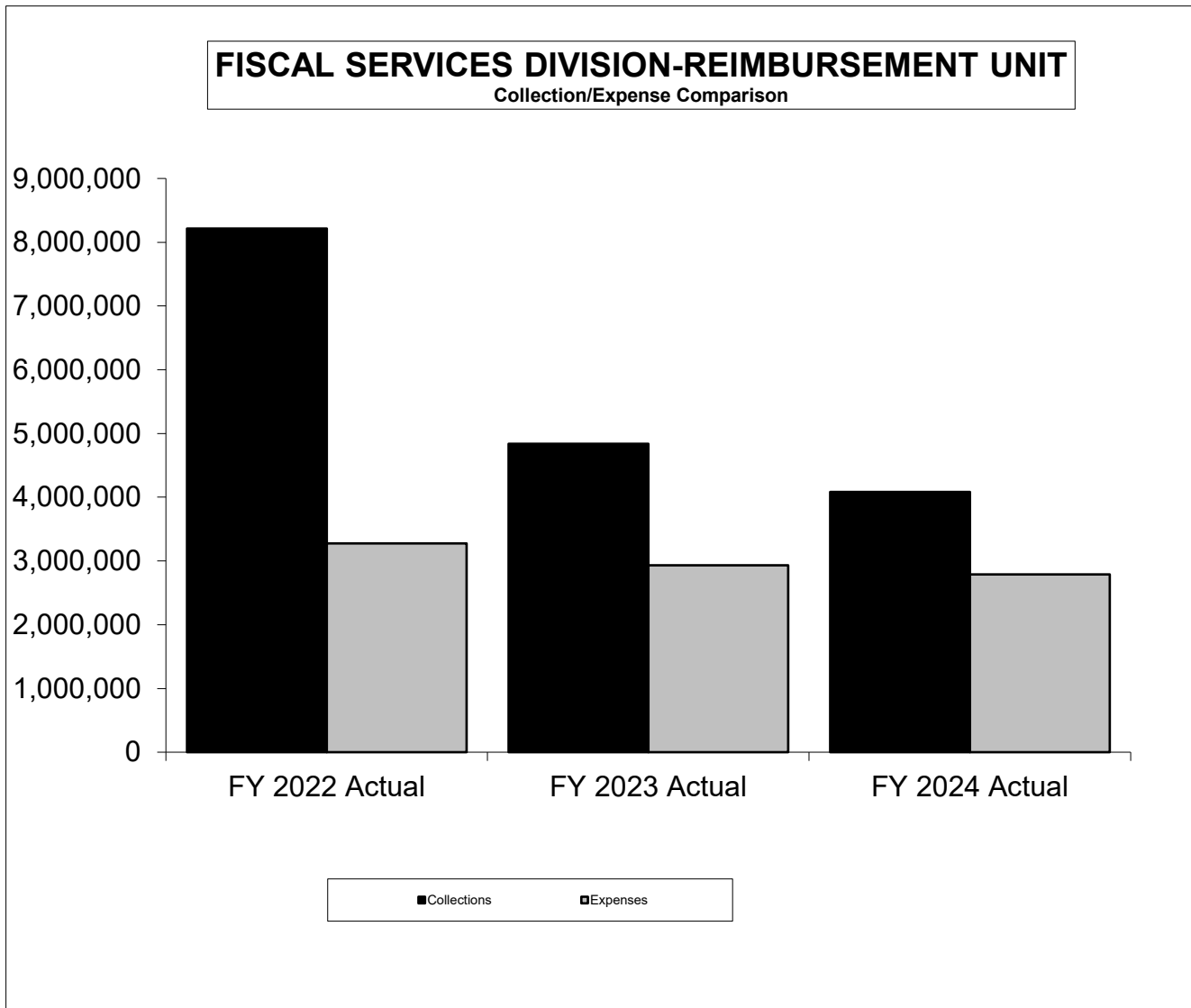
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**FISCAL SERVICES DIVISION-REIMBURSEMENT UNIT
FISCAL YEAR 2024 ANNUAL REPORT
COLLECTION / EXPENSE COMPARISON STATEMENT**

	<u>FY 2022 Actual</u>	<u>FY 2023 Actual</u>	<u>FY 2024 Actual</u>
Salaries & Fringes	\$ 2,555,498	\$ 2,357,945	\$ 2,237,445
Operating Expenses	718,652	572,645	550,970
Total Expenses	<u>\$ 3,274,150</u>	<u>\$ 2,930,590</u>	<u>\$ 2,788,415</u>
 Total Collections	 \$ 8,209,805	 \$ 4,840,015	 \$ 4,084,123
Community Service Credits	2,617	-	-
Total Collections & Credits	<u><u>\$ 8,212,422</u></u>	<u><u>\$ 4,840,015</u></u>	<u><u>\$ 4,084,123</u></u>
 Collection/Expense Ratio	 \$ 2.51	 \$ 1.65	 \$ 1.46



Three-Year Summary Comparison Statement - Collections vs Expenses

	Collections		
	FY 2024	FY 2023	FY 2022
Circuit Court-General Jurisdiction Division:			
Restitution	\$ 2,520,835	\$ 3,096,047	\$ 3,629,099
Court Costs	218,153	312,449	279,877
Attorney Fees (includes appeal attorney fees)	6,638	172,543	1,715,014
Crime Victim's Rights Fees	336,370	321,869	329,370
Fines	180,703	219,357	189,816
Forensic Lab Fees/DNA*	42,029	41,736	35,739
Extradition Fees	3,792	1,383	2,047
Community Service Fees	113	287	75
State Minimum Costs*	263,927	273,617	301,298
Fingerprinting Fees	1,520	1,237	1,154
Late Penalty	131,375	152,290	154,878
Cost of Prosecution	-	210	500
Bond Forfeiture	124,464	29,425	17,372
Adult Treatment Court	5,918	10,853	8,174
Total	\$ 3,835,837	\$ 4,633,303	\$ 6,664,413
Circuit Court-Family Division:			
Board and Care (Juvenile Maintenance)	\$ -	\$ 11,142	\$ 678,339
Collection Offset (Board and Care)	-	3,383	214,257
Governmental Benefits (Juvenile Maintenance)	-	8,315	60,247
Probation Service Fees	-	1,425	62,002
Attorney Fees	-	5,402	224,548
State Juvenile Maintenance	-	907	36,790
Restitution	89,486	59,415	42,600
Clinical Evaluations	-	1,027	22,454
Court Costs	170	1,732	9,607
Traffic Service Fees	4,117	3,604	3,700
Crime Victim's Rights Fees	6,229	4,481	4,103
State Minimum Costs*	17,472	14,584	9,864
Forensic Lab Fees/DNA*	934	1,635	504
Children's Village Aftercare	-	-	-
Youth Assistance Fees	25	-	3,100
Jail Tour Fees	-	49	499
Chemical Dependence Inventory Fees	10	10	1,312
Diversion Fees	-	60	1,699
Family Court-Other	5,131	10,640	3,808
Total	\$ 123,573	\$ 127,811	\$ 1,379,433
Administration/Probate Court:			
Clerk Fees	\$ 45,066	\$ 32,930	\$ 41,965
Domestic Evaluations	400	-	100
Domestic Guardian Ad Litem	1,141	4,062	1,100
Mental Health Attorney Fees	-	-	26,277
Total	\$ 46,607	\$ 36,992	\$ 69,442
Miscellaneous:			
Tax Intercept Fees	\$ 23,965	\$ 22,140	\$ 68,708
Mileage Fees/Service Fees	1,657	1,397	5,640
Recovery Fees for Returned Checks	492	310	408
Filing Fees	13,061	12,465	16,225
Miscellaneous-including review for trnsfr/rfnd	37,078	3,811	4,030
Reimbursement of Postage Expense	1,854	1,787	1,506
Total	\$ 78,106	\$ 41,910	\$ 96,517
TOTAL COLLECTIONS	\$ 4,084,123	\$ 4,840,015	\$ 8,209,805
Community Service Credits	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 2,617
GRAND TOTAL	\$ 4,084,123	\$ 4,840,015	\$ 8,212,422
Reimbursement Unit Expenses:	\$ 2,788,415	\$ 2,930,589	\$ 3,274,150
Collection/Expense Ratio:	\$ 1.46	\$ 1.65	\$ 2.51

*DNA and Forensic Lab Fees were replaced with State Minimum Costs effective October 1, 2003 (2003 Public Act 70-79, 95-102, 138).
2014 Public Act 458 requires DNA to be ordered for any conviction/plea/adjudication meeting specified criteria effective July 1, 2015.

See attached County Executive Administration policies for Family Court and Circuit Court effective 10/01/22 resulting in a reduction in revenue for both units.

REPORT OF TRANSACTION ACTIVITY

	Transactions		
	FY 2024	FY 2023	FY 2022
Circuit Court-General Jurisdiction Division:			
Restitution	10,763	12,058	14,555
Court Costs	2,334	3,362	2,723
Attorney Fees	81	1,925	14,936
Attorney Fees-Appeal	1	2	84
Crime Victim's Rights Fees	8,988	9,232	10,598
Fines	1,293	1,293	1,199
Forensic Lab Fees/DNA	2,736	2,976	2,550
Extradition Fees	25	17	21
Community Service Fees	3	4	1
State Minimum Costs	5,809	6,154	6,915
Fingerprinting Fees	41	34	36
Late Penalty	2,680	3,190	2,139
Cost of Prosecution	-	4	10
Bond Forfeiture	150	149	154
Adult Treatment Court	56	137	91
Total	34,960	40,537	56,012
Circuit Court-Family Division:			
Board and Care (Juvenile Maintenance)	-	445	14,057
Collection Offset (Board and Care)	-	181	7,927
Governmental Benefits (Juvenile Maintenance)	-	10	384
Probation Service Fees	-	12	748
Attorney Fees	-	47	1,779
State Juvenile Maintenance	-	34	1,151
Restitution	398	374	424
Clinical Evaluations	-	5	259
Court Costs	4	29	276
Traffic Service Fees	49	43	35
Crime Victim's Rights Fees	209	153	129
State Minimum Costs	262	221	171
Forensic Lab Fees/DNA	96	99	33
Children's Village Aftercare	-	-	-
Youth Assistance Fees	1	-	116
Jail Tour Fees	-	3	14
Chemical Dependence Inventory Fees	1	1	82
Diversion Fees	-	1	16
Family Court-Other	104	173	69
Total	1,124	1,831	27,670
Administration/Probate Court:			
Clerk Fees	469	335	426
Domestic Evaluations	1	-	1
Domestic Guardian Ad Litem	4	5	5
Mental Health Attorney Fees	-	-	419
Total	474	340	851
Miscellaneous:			
Tax Intercept Fees	386	357	1,234
Mileage Fees/Service Fees	84	84	262
Recovery Fees for Returned Checks	22	20	24
Filing Fees	1,314	1,366	1,876
Miscellaneous	316	12	11
Reimbursement of Postage Expense	219	217	175
Total	2,341	2,056	3,582
GRAND TOTAL	38,899	44,764	88,115

CIRCUIT COURT ACCOUNTS

STATEMENT OF RECEIPTS

	FY 2024	FY 2023	FY 2022
Accounts:			
Court Costs	\$ 218,153	\$ 312,449	\$ 279,877
Attorney Fees *	6,525	172,448	1,701,907
Attorney Fees-Appeal *	113	94	13,107
Extradition Fees	3,792	1,383	2,047
Community Service Fees	113	287	75
Forensic Lab Fees-County Share	300	270	437
Forensic Lab Fees-Prosecutor	300	270	437
DNA-Court Share	3,601	3,633	2,699
Fingerprinting Fees	1,520	1,237	1,154
Late Penalty	131,375	152,290	154,878
Cost of Prosecution	-	210	500
Bond Forfeiture	124,464	29,425	17,372
Adult Treatment Court	5,918	10,853	8,174
Total	<u>\$ 496,174</u>	<u>\$ 684,849</u>	<u>\$ 2,182,664</u>
Trust Accounts:			
Restitution	\$ 2,520,835	\$ 3,096,047	\$ 3,629,099
Crime Victim's Rights Fees	336,370	321,869	329,370
State Minimum Costs	263,927	273,617	301,298
DNA-State Share	23,409	23,617	17,549
DNA-Municipalities Share	9,003	9,083	6,749
Forensic Lab Fees-State Share	5,416	4,864	7,868
Fines	180,703	219,357	189,816
Total	<u>\$ 3,339,663</u>	<u>\$ 3,948,453</u>	<u>\$ 4,481,749</u>
TOTAL FUNDS RECOVERED *	<u><u>\$ 3,835,837</u></u>	<u><u>\$ 4,633,303</u></u>	<u><u>\$ 6,664,413</u></u>

The Circuit Court Section of the Fiscal Services Division-Reimbursement Unit is responsible for collection of all funds ordered by the Circuit Court.

For fiscal year 2024 there were 6069 restitution payments made to the victims of crime for a total of \$2,834,757.28.

On October 30, 1989, Public Act 196 became effective requiring each defendant to pay a fee for the Crime Victim's Rights Fund. These funds are collected on behalf of the State; the County is authorized to retain an administrative fee. The County retains 10% of the amount collected for administrative costs.

A program requiring a defendant's bond to be applied toward costs assessed by the Court resulted in the recovery of \$158,575.03. The County started, in 2005, to submit Orders to Remit Prisoner Funds to the state prisons as allowed under MCL 791.220h. The Oakland County Sheriff's Office, under House Bill 4588, started remitting prisoner funds for restitution in January 2006. A total of \$351,654.48 was collected under these programs in fiscal year 2024.

*10/01/22-Attorney fee revenue reduced due to County Executive Administrative policy.

CIRCUIT COURT ACCOUNTS

REIMBURSEMENT FOR COURT-APPOINTED ATTORNEYS

	FY 2024	FY 2023	FY 2022
Cost to Oakland County:			
Regular Cases	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 3,389,963
Appellate Cases	-	-	106,848
Total	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 3,496,811
Regular Attorney Fees	\$ 6,525	\$ 172,448	\$ 1,701,907
Appellate Attorney Fees*	\$ 113	\$ 94	\$ 13,107
Combined Attorney Fees	\$ 6,638	\$ 172,543	\$ 1,715,014
TOTAL FUNDS RECOVERED	\$ 6,638	\$ 172,543	\$ 1,715,014
Percent Recovered **	0.0%	0.0%	49.0%

Defendants represented by a court-appointed attorney are ordered to repay the County for services provided. It was determined by the SCAO in July 2015 that appellate court-appointed attorney fees could no longer be ordered or collected. Effective August 2017, the Court implemented a new order making defendants responsible for appellate attorney fees on some cases.

*Beginning 10/26/20, separation of regular attorney fees and appellate fees ordered for MIDC reporting.

**Effective 10/01/22-County Executive Administration Policy-Reimbursement will no longer pursue collections on attorney fees. Current attorney fee balances on accounts will be administratively waived. Collections reported in 2023 were collected prior to, but recorded after 10/01/22. Collections reported in 2024 were reviewed for a refund.

COURT COMMUNITY SERVICE PROGRAM

	FY 2024	FY 2023	FY 2022
Community Service Credits:			
Attorney Fees	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 2,417
Court Costs	-	-	200
Total Credits	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 2,617
Community Service Fees Collected	\$ 113	\$ 287	\$ 75
TOTAL CREDITS AND FEES	\$ 113	\$ 287	\$ 2,692

The Court Community Service Program has provided the courts with an alternative means of enforcing monetary orders against indigent defendants rather than imposing costly jail sentences. Defendants provide labor hours and receive credits which reduce court-ordered fees. These credits have significantly decreased during the Pandemic, as many organizations are not accepting defendants to do community service. They have also decreased due to the new Executive Policy, as attorney fees are no longer being collected.

In 1996, a community service fee was authorized to be assessed for individuals involved in the program to supplement state and county funding. This fee was no longer charged when the Probation Department took back operation of the program in approximately 2005.

FAMILY COURT ACCOUNTS

STATEMENT OF RECEIPTS

	FY 2024	FY 2023	FY 2022
Accounts:			
Board and Care (Juvenile Maintenance)	\$ -	\$ 11,142	\$ 678,339
Collection Offset (Board and Care)	-	3,383	214,257
Governmental Benefits (Juvenile Maintenance)	-	8,315	60,247
Probation Service Fees	-	1,425	62,002
Attorney Fees	-	5,402	224,548
Clinical Evaluations	-	1,027	22,454
Court Costs	170	1,732	9,607
Traffic Service Fees-County Share	4,117	3,604	3,670
Children's Village Aftercare	-	-	-
DNA-County Share	93	164	50
Youth Assistance Fees	25	-	3,100
Jail Tour Fees	-	49	499
Chemical Dependence Inventory Fees	10	10	1,312
Diversion Fees	-	60	1,699
Family Reunification	-	-	13
Total	\$ 4,415	\$ 36,312	\$ 1,281,797
Trust Accounts:			
State Juvenile Maintenance	\$ -	\$ 907	\$ 119,092
Restitution	89,486	59,415	42,600
Crime Victim's Rights Fees	6,229	4,481	4,103
State Minimum Costs	17,472	14,584	9,864
Traffic Service Fees-State Share	-	-	15
DNA-State Share	607	1,063	328
DNA-Municipalities Share	233	409	126
Total	\$ 114,027	\$ 80,859	\$ 176,128
TOTAL FUNDS RECOVERED *	\$ 118,442	\$ 117,171	\$ 1,457,925

The Family Court Section of the Fiscal Services Division-Reimbursement Unit is responsible for collection for services provided to children and/or families and any other costs ordered by the Family Court. A financial statement is taken and an order is entered based on the parents' ability to pay according to the State Court Administrator's guidelines (no longer collected as of 10/01/22).

The Juvenile Code provides for a 25% administrative fee (Collection Offset) to cover the cost of collecting funds as the result of an order for board and care (no longer collected as of 10/01/22).

Family Court assesses the parents of juveniles charged with delinquent acts a monthly service fee when the child is placed on probation or under supervision in the home (no longer collected as of 10/01/22).

Effective May 1, 1994, MCLA 780.901 required the courts to order juveniles to pay an assessment to the Crime Victim's Rights Fund for orders of disposition on juvenile offenses. The Michigan Department of Treasury receives 90% of this fee and the County is entitled to retain 10% of collections.

This unit acts as the collection agent for monies ordered by Family Court for restitution. For fiscal year 2024, there were 183 restitution payments made to the victims of crime for a total of \$87,540.24.

A program which requires that a child's bond be applied toward costs assessed by the Court resulted in the recovery of \$0 of the above funds for 2024.

05/31/19-Per Courts direction, parent has to sign waiver to be billed for costs incurred. Reimbursement may no longer request service. May cause decrease in collections.

*10/01/22-Revenue reduced due to County Executive Administrative policy.

FAMILY COURT ACCOUNTS

BOARD AND CARE COLLECTIONS

	FY 2024	FY 2023	FY 2022
Juvenile Maintenance	\$ -	\$ 22,840	\$ 952,842
State Juvenile Maintenance *	-	907	119,092
TOTAL FUNDS RECOVERED	\$ -	\$ 23,747	\$ 1,071,934

***For Fiscal year 2022, this includes \$40,769.52 Child Support Credits from the State of Michigan and \$41,532.95 which represents one half of the governmental benefits collected by the Michigan Department of Human Services and credited to the County for children placed in state facilities.**

Effective 10/01/22-Reimbursement is no longer tracking or reporting Child Support credits or Governmental benefits.

REIMBURSEMENT FOR COURT-APPOINTED ATTORNEYS

	FY 2024	FY 2023	FY 2022
Cost to Oakland County	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 795,235
TOTAL FUNDS RECOVERED	\$ -	\$ 5,402	\$ 224,548
Percent Recovered *	0.0%	0.0%	28.2%

If the Family Court appoints an attorney to represent a child, parent, guardian or custodian, an order is entered requiring the responsible individual to repay the funds in accordance with ability to pay.

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PROBATE COURT-MENTAL HEALTH ACCOUNTS

REIMBURSEMENT FOR COURT-APPOINTED ATTORNEYS

	FY 2024	FY 2023	FY 2022
Cost to Oakland County	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 334,305
TOTAL FUNDS RECOVERED	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 26,277
Percent Recovered	0.0%	0.0%	7.9%

Every individual who is the subject of a petition for involuntary hospitalization is required to be represented by legal counsel.

Effective 09/01/22, Reimbursement is no longer collecting attorney fees on Mental Health Accounts for Probate Court.