

OTHER HUMAN SERVICES

Department Services

Expenses associated with the Medical Examiner are housed in this section of the budget. Counties are required by statute to pay for Medical Examiner services and autopsy reports for County residents who die inside the County “if, in the opinion of the medical examiner investigating the case or of the Chief Medical Examiner, it is advisable and in the public interest that an autopsy or other study be made; or, if an autopsy or other study is requested by the district attorney of the county or by any superior court judge.” Deaths requiring an autopsy that occur outside a person’s county of residence are entirely the funding responsibility of the State.

Per North Carolina General Statutes, fees for the Medical Examiner and autopsies currently are as follows:

- 130A-387 - For each investigation and prompt filing of the required report, the medical examiner shall receive a fee paid by the State. However, if the deceased is a resident of the county in which the death or fatal injury occurred, that county shall pay the fee. The fee shall be \$200.
- 130A-389 - A fee for the autopsy or other study shall be paid by the State. However, if the deceased is a resident of the county in which the death or fatal injury occurred, that county shall pay the fee. The fee shall be \$1,750.

Budget Highlights

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Organization: 510050

	2015/16 Actual	2016/17 Current	2017/18 Requested	2017/18 Adopted	Percent Change
Revenues					
General Fund	\$182,050	\$239,850	\$239,850	\$239,850	0%
Total	\$182,050	\$239,850	\$239,850	\$239,850	0%
Expenses					
Medical Examiner	\$182,050	\$239,850	\$239,850	\$239,850	0%
Total	\$182,050	\$239,850	\$239,850	\$239,850	0%

The budget maintains funding at the current level to cover the cost of state-mandated Medical Examiner and autopsy fees.