



**ANNUAL REPORT
FOR
FISCAL YEAR 2014**

**Fiscal Services Division/Reimbursement Unit
Department of Management and Budget**



L. BROOKS PATTERSON, OAKLAND COUNTY EXECUTIVE

C O U N T Y M I C H I G A N

DEPARTMENT OF MANAGEMENT AND BUDGET
FISCAL SERVICES DIVISION
REIMBURSEMENT UNIT

REIMBURSEMENT

SECTIONS:

CIRCUIT COURT

248-858-0506

PROBATE/FAMILY COURT

248-858-1130

January 29, 2015

Honorable L. Brooks Patterson
County Executive
2100 Pontiac Lake Road
Executive Office Building, Department 409
Waterford, MI 48328

Dear Mr. Patterson:

Submitted herewith is the Fiscal Services Division-Reimbursement Unit Annual Report for Fiscal Year 2014, covering the period October 1, 2013 through September 30, 2014.

Total collections for the Circuit Court, Family Court, and Administration/Probate Court Sections (including credits for Community Service) for fiscal year 2014 were \$8,373,970. Expenditures for this unit were \$2,848,844 resulting in a collection/expense ratio of \$2.94 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 2014 are presented for your review.

Laurie VanPelt, CPFO
Director of Management & Budget

Lynn C. Sonkiss, Manager
Fiscal Services Division

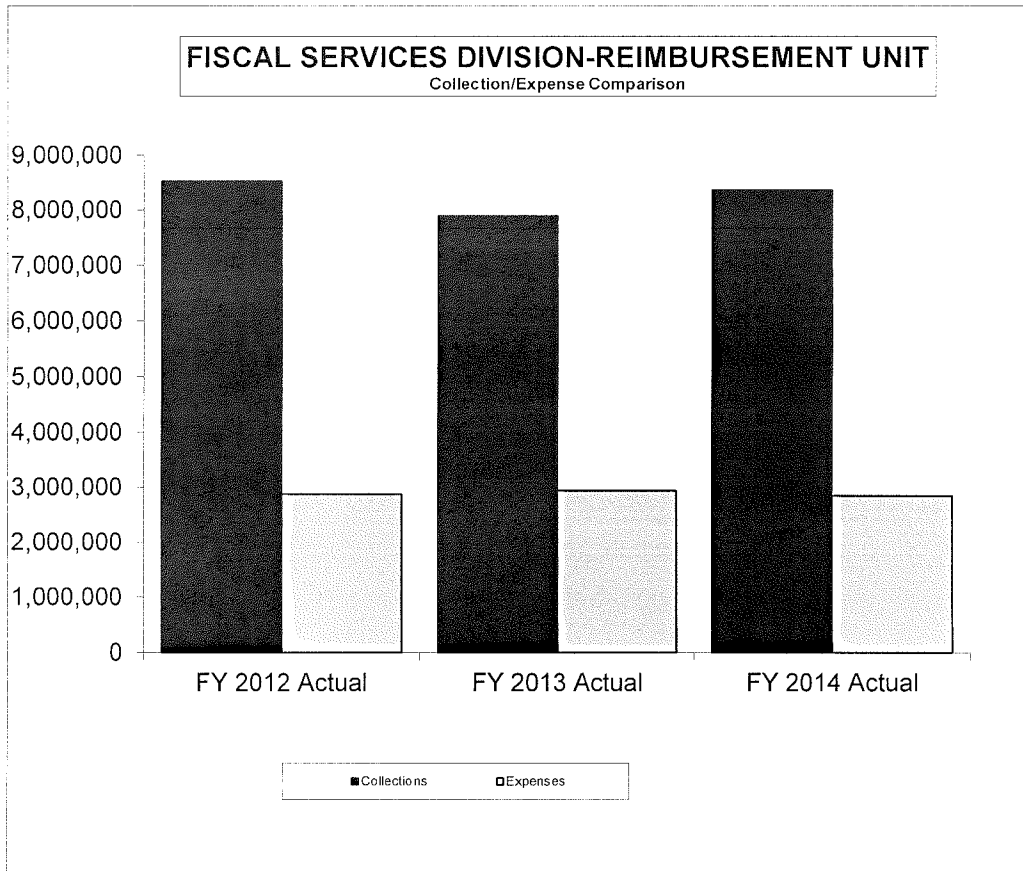
/jl

**2014 FISCAL YEAR ANNUAL REPORT
TABLE OF CONTENTS**

COLLECTION/EXPENSE COMPARISON STATEMENT AND GRAPH.....	1
THREE-YEAR SUMMARY – COLLECTIONS VS. EXPENSES.....	2
REPORT OF TRANSACTION ACTIVITY	3
CIRCUIT COURT ACCOUNTS:	
STATEMENT OF RECEIPTS.....	4
REIMBURSEMENT FOR COURT-APPOINTED ATTORNEYS.....	5
COURT COMMUNITY SERVICE PROGRAM.....	5
FAMILY COURT ACCOUNTS:	
STATEMENT OF RECEIPTS.....	6
BOARD AND CARE COLLECTIONS.....	7
REIMBURSEMENT FOR COURT-APPOINTED ATTORNEYS.....	7
PROBATE COURT – MENTAL HEALTH ACCOUNTS:	
REIMBURSEMENT FOR COURT-APPOINTED ATTORNEYS.....	7

**FISCAL SERVICES DIVISION-REIMBURSEMENT UNIT
FISCAL YEAR 2014 ANNUAL REPORT
COLLECTION / EXPENSE COMPARISON STATEMENT**

	<u>FY 2012 Actual</u>	<u>FY 2013 Actual</u>	<u>FY 2014 Actual</u>
Salaries & Fringes	\$ 2,288,406	\$ 2,298,717	\$ 2,226,518
Operating Expenses	588,320	644,737	622,326
Total Expenses	\$ 2,876,726	\$ 2,943,454	\$ 2,848,844
Total Collections	\$ 7,954,116	\$ 7,389,547	\$ 7,955,348
Community Service Credits	573,380	505,508	418,622
Total Collections & Credits	\$ 8,527,496	\$ 7,895,055	\$ 8,373,970
Collection/Expense Ratio	\$ 2.96	\$ 2.68	\$ 2.94



**Three-Year Summary Comparison Statement
FY 2012 - 2014
Collections vs. Expenses**

	Collections		
	FY 2014	FY 2013	FY 2012
Circuit Court-General Jurisdiction Division:			
Restitution	\$ 2,684,155	\$ 2,006,679	\$ 2,337,668
Court Costs	715,928	690,206	751,105
Attorney Fees	926,737	963,655	939,382
Inmate Board and Care*	1,730	1,113	1,355
Crime Victim's Rights Fees	383,864	350,385	316,834
Fines	293,418	304,969	328,102
Forensic Lab Fees/DNA**	4,365	7,448	6,569
Extradition Fees	2,293	1,450	3,415
Community Service Fees	25	168	203
State Minimum Costs**	318,602	324,338	326,316
Fingerprinting Fees	3,153	2,550	800
Late Penalty	141,047	146,782	158,109
Cost of Prosecution	2,050	4,089	11,760
Bond Forfeiture	8,460	817	-
Adult Treatment Court	5,242	4,702	2,382
Total	<u>\$ 5,491,069</u>	<u>\$ 4,809,351</u>	<u>\$ 5,184,000</u>
Circuit Court-Family Division:			
Board and Care (Juvenile Maintenance)	\$ 1,020,216	\$ 1,032,721	\$ 1,074,611
Collection Offset (Board and Care)	279,315	284,618	311,130
Governmental Benefits (Juvenile Maintenance)	221,463	207,442	212,394
Probation Service Fees	121,135	141,752	176,554
Attorney Fees	278,856	316,013	384,399
State Juvenile Maintenance	110,428	141,507	102,468
Restitution	67,521	75,012	89,600
Clinical Evaluations	39,808	41,886	46,825
Court Costs	21,464	22,739	23,953
Traffic Service Fees	5,662	11,651	10,823
Crime Victim's Rights Fees	4,703	5,390	5,584
State Minimum Costs**	17,515	19,762	22,079
Ordinance Violations	-	230	1,917
Forensic Lab Fees/DNA**	-	60	-
Children's Village Aftercare	387	200	610
Youth Assistance Fees	9,155	8,900	9,788
Jail Tour Fees	5,184	7,968	6,259
Chemical Dependence Inventory Fees	2,457	2,378	2,654
Diversion Fees	3,682	4,005	7,940
Family Court-Other	1,303	1,027	1,300
Total	<u>\$ 2,210,254</u>	<u>\$ 2,325,261</u>	<u>\$ 2,490,888</u>
Administration/Probate Court:			
Clerk Fees	\$ 80,304	\$ 76,263	\$ 79,727
Domestic Evaluations	4,822	3,658	3,912
Domestic Guardian Ad Litem	1,687	2,887	4,409
Mental Health Attorney Fees	49,306	59,213	62,086
Total	<u>\$ 136,119</u>	<u>\$ 142,021</u>	<u>\$ 150,134</u>
Miscellaneous:			
Tax Intercept Fees	\$ 100,724	\$ 91,265	\$ 106,594
Witness and Mileage Fees/Service Fees	10,851	13,764	13,734
Recovery Fees for Returned Checks	1,171	940	1,213
Filing Fees	3,974	5,260	4,023
Miscellaneous	247	364	2,043
Reimbursement of Postage Expense	939	1,321	1,487
Total	<u>\$ 117,906</u>	<u>\$ 112,914</u>	<u>\$ 129,094</u>
TOTAL COLLECTIONS	<u>\$ 7,955,348</u>	<u>\$ 7,389,547</u>	<u>\$ 7,954,116</u>
Community Service Credits	\$ 418,622	\$ 505,508	\$ 573,380
GRAND TOTAL	<u>\$ 8,373,970</u>	<u>\$ 7,895,055</u>	<u>\$ 8,527,496</u>
Reimbursement Unit Expenses:	\$ 2,848,844	\$ 2,943,454	\$ 2,876,726
Collection/Expense Ratio:	\$ 2.94	\$ 2.68	\$ 2.96

*Inmate Board & Care was outsourced to RDK Collection Services as of 10/1/08.

**DNA and Forensic Lab Fees were replaced, by statute, with State Minimum Costs effective 10/01/03 (2003 Public Act 70-79, 95-102, and 138).

REPORT OF TRANSACTION ACTIVITY

	Transactions		
	FY 2014	FY 2013	FY 2012
Circuit Court-General Jurisdiction Division:			
Restitution	15,902	15,527	15,079
Court Costs	6,999	6,574	7,145
Attorney Fees	15,634	15,314	14,021
Inmate Board and Care*	4	3	6
Crime Victim's Rights Fees	14,435	13,015	12,288
Fines	1,839	1,709	1,888
Forensic Lab Fees/DNA**	447	456	600
Extradition Fees	22	24	39
Community Service Fees	1	5	6
State Minimum Costs**	10,114	9,467	9,279
Fingerprinting Fees	92	57	17
Late Penalty	1,903	2,186	2,123
Cost of Prosecution	20	60	154
Bond Forfeiture	34	14	-
Adult Treatment Court	63	66	32
Total	67,509	64,477	62,677
Circuit Court-Family Division:			
Board and Care (Juvenile Maintenance)	17,351	16,038	15,188
Collection Offset (Board and Care)	10,773	10,407	9,954
Governmental Benefits (Juvenile Maintenance)	813	705	661
Probation Service Fees	1,872	2,116	2,297
Attorney Fees	4,066	4,381	4,587
State Juvenile Maintenance	1,475	1,503	1,578
Restitution	873	1,029	964
Clinical Evaluations	521	541	570
Court Costs	688	806	783
Traffic Service Fees	68	114	136
Crime Victim's Rights Fees	263	285	314
State Minimum Costs**	390	403	475
Ordinance Violations	-	6	64
Forensic Lab Fees/DNA**	-	3	-
Children's Village Aftercare	5	3	11
Youth Assistance Fees	377	374	427
Jail Tour Fees	120	181	149
Chemical Dependence Inventory Fees	261	243	264
Diversion Fees	66	73	144
Family Court-Other	15	28	24
Total	39,997	39,239	38,590
Administration/Probate Court:			
Clerk Fees	1,079	1,053	1,083
Domestic Evaluations	67	62	81
Domestic Guardian Ad Litem	26	54	57
Mental Health Attorney Fees	912	1,105	1,147
Total	2,084	2,274	2,368
Miscellaneous:			
Tax Intercept Fees	2,387	2,218	2,254
Witness and Mileage Fees/Service Fees	574	711	801
Recovery Fees for Returned Checks	57	42	68
Filing Fees	519	701	555
Miscellaneous	4	3	17
Reimbursement of Postage Expense	106	149	181
Total	3,647	3,824	3,876
GRAND TOTAL	113,237	109,814	107,511

*Inmate Board & Care was outsourced to RDK Collection Services as of 10/1/08.

**DNA and Forensic Lab Fees were replaced, by statute, with State Minimum Costs effective 10/01/03 (2003 Public Act 70-79, 95-102, and 138).

CIRCUIT COURT ACCOUNTS

STATEMENT OF RECEIPTS

	FY 2014	FY 2013	FY 2012
Accounts:			
Court Costs	\$ 715,928	\$ 690,206	\$ 751,105
Attorney Fees	926,737	963,655	939,382
Inmate Board and Care *	1,730	1,113	1,355
Extradition Fees	2,293	1,450	3,415
Community Service Fees	25	168	203
Forensic Lab Fees-County Share	131	269	244
Forensic Lab Fees-Prosecutor	131	269	244
DNA-Court Share	174	206	168
Fingerprinting Fees	3,153	2,550	800
Late Penalty	141,047	146,782	158,109
Cost of Prosecution	2,050	4,089	11,760
Bond Forfeiture	8,460	817	-
Adult Treatment Court	5,242	4,702	2,382
Total	\$ 1,807,101	\$ 1,816,276	\$ 1,869,167
Trust Accounts:			
Restitution	\$ 2,684,155	\$ 2,006,679	\$ 2,337,668
Crime Victim's Rights Fees	383,864	350,385	316,834
State Minimum Costs	318,602	324,338	326,316
DNA-State Share	1,131	1,339	1,094
DNA-Municipalities Share	435	515	421
Forensic Lab Fees-State Share	2,363	4,850	4,398
Fines	293,418	304,969	328,102
Total	\$ 3,683,968	\$ 2,993,075	\$ 3,314,833
TOTAL FUNDS RECOVERED	\$ 5,491,069	\$ 4,809,351	\$ 5,184,000

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 2014 there were 7,294 restitution payments made to the victims of crime for a total of \$2,617,092.84.

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.

*MCLA 801.83 allows the County to seek reimbursement for board and care from inmates. In May 1995, the County began billing inmates for time served in the Oakland County Jail. This function was outsourced for new cases October 1, 2008 and existing cases December 28, 2008.

**A program requiring a defendant's bond to be applied toward costs assessed by the Court resulted in the recovery of \$419,072.70. 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 \$394,206.76 was collected under these programs in fiscal year 2014.

CIRCUIT COURT ACCOUNTS

REIMBURSEMENT FOR COURT-APPOINTED ATTORNEYS

	FY 2014	FY 2013	FY 2012
Cost to Oakland County:			
Regular Cases	\$ 2,099,984	\$ 2,260,605	\$ 2,408,464
Appellate Cases	249,804	244,922	344,384
Total	\$ 2,349,788	\$ 2,505,527	\$ 2,752,848
TOTAL FUNDS RECOVERED	\$ 926,737	\$ 963,655	\$ 939,382
Percent Recovered	39.4%	38.5%	34.1%

Defendants represented by a court-appointed attorney are ordered to repay the County for services provided.

COURT COMMUNITY SERVICE PROGRAM

	FY 2014	FY 2013	FY 2012
Community Service Credits:			
Attorney Fees	\$ 228,223	\$ 277,803	\$ 305,925
Court Costs	190,399	227,705	267,077
Court Fines	-	-	378
Total Credits	\$ 418,622	\$ 505,508	\$ 573,380
Community Service Fees Collected	\$ 25	\$ 168	\$ 203
TOTAL CREDITS AND FEES	\$ 418,647	\$ 505,676	\$ 573,583

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.

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

	<u>FY 2014</u>	<u>FY 2013</u>	<u>FY 2012</u>
Accounts:			
Board and Care (Juvenile Maintenance)	\$ 1,020,216	\$ 1,032,721	\$ 1,074,611
Collection Offset (Board and Care)	279,315	284,618	311,130
Governmental Benefits (Juvenile Maintenance)	221,463	207,442	212,394
Probation Service Fees	121,135	141,752	176,554
Attorney Fees	278,856	316,013	384,399
Clinical Evaluations	39,808	41,886	46,825
Court Costs	21,464	22,739	23,953
Traffic Service Fees-County Share	5,302	11,141	9,803
Ordinance Violations-County Share	-	153	1,278
Children's Village Aftercare	387	200	610
DNA-County Share	-	6	-
Forensic Lab Fees-County Share	-	-	-
Forensic Lab Fees-Prosecutor	-	-	-
Youth Assistance Fees	9,155	8,900	9,788
Jail Tour Fees	5,184	7,968	6,259
Chemical Dependence Inventory Fees	2,457	2,378	2,654
Diversions Fees	3,682	4,005	7,940
Drug Testing	-	-	50
Family Reunification	403	1,027	1,250
Total	<u>\$ 2,008,827</u>	<u>\$ 2,082,949</u>	<u>\$ 2,269,498</u>
Trust Accounts:			
State Juvenile Maintenance	\$ 110,428	\$ 141,507	\$ 102,468
Restitution	67,521	75,012	89,600
Crime Victim's Rights Fees	4,703	5,390	5,584
State Minimum Costs	17,515	19,762	22,079
Forensic Lab Fees-State Share	-	-	-
Ordinance Violations-Municipalities Share	-	77	639
Traffic Service Fees-State Share	360	510	1,020
DNA-State Share	-	39	-
DNA-Municipalities Share	-	15	-
Public Library Fund	900	-	-
Total	<u>\$ 201,427</u>	<u>\$ 242,312</u>	<u>\$ 221,390</u>
TOTAL FUNDS RECOVERED	<u>\$ 2,210,254 *</u>	<u>\$ 2,325,261</u>	<u>\$ 2,490,888</u>

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.

The Family Division of Circuit Court (Family Court) was established January 1, 1998, in an effort to consolidate the handling of domestic relations and juvenile cases to better serve families.

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.

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.

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 2014, there were 329 restitution payments made to the victims of crime for a total of \$72,644.65.

*A program which requires that a child's bond be applied toward costs assessed by the Court resulted in the recovery of \$3,635.00 of the above funds.

FAMILY COURT ACCOUNTS

BOARD AND CARE COLLECTIONS

	FY 2014	FY 2013	FY 2012
Juvenile Maintenance	\$ 1,520,994	\$ 1,524,781	\$ 1,598,135
State Juvenile Maintenance	110,428 *	141,507	102,468
TOTAL FUNDS RECOVERED	\$ 1,631,422	\$ 1,666,288	\$ 1,700,603

*This amount includes \$46,570 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.

REIMBURSEMENT FOR COURT-APPOINTED ATTORNEYS

	FY 2014	FY 2013	FY 2012
Cost to Oakland County	\$ 1,100,009	\$ 1,008,149	\$ 1,012,689
TOTAL FUNDS RECOVERED	\$ 278,856	\$ 316,013	\$ 384,399
Percent Recovered	25.4%	31.3%	38.0%

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.

PROBATE COURT-MENTAL HEALTH ACCOUNTS

REIMBURSEMENT FOR COURT-APPOINTED ATTORNEYS

	FY 2014	FY 2013	FY 2012
Cost to Oakland County	\$ 324,554	\$ 305,532	\$ 294,084
TOTAL FUNDS RECOVERED	\$ 49,306	\$ 59,213	\$ 62,086
Percent Recovered	15.2%	19.4%	21.1%

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