

Scope and Purpose of Authorization

This authorization is provided **solely** for the purpose of determining financial eligibility for court-appointed counsel.

Accordingly:

- Only information reasonably related to that determination may be sought.
 - Any information obtained should be used only to inform the court's determination of eligibility.
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Legal Context (Purpose-Limiting Principles)

This understanding is based on the following principles, which define the scope of the authorization rather than alter it:

- **ORS 135.050** authorizes inquiry for the purpose of determining eligibility for appointed counsel.
- **Article I, Section 11 of the Oregon Constitution** guarantees the right to be heard by oneself and by counsel in criminal proceedings.
- **The Sixth Amendment to the United States Constitution** likewise guarantees the right to counsel and due process.

Administrative mechanisms used to evaluate eligibility are understood to support, and not undermine, these constitutional protections.

This statement is not intended to alter court procedures or authority, but to document intent and understanding regarding the lawful scope of the authorization provided.