

# 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.

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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.