

## COLLECTING DEBT FOR STATE AND LOCAL ENTITIES

Ohio Attorney General Mike DeWine's office serves as the chief collection agent for all state agencies, boards, commissions, and universities. And under a recent change in state law, the office now can collect debt on behalf of local governments under a Local Government Collection Services program.

This process of certifying debt to the Ohio Attorney General's Office is fully automated through the use of an FTP file or data file layout provided by the Attorney General's Office.

To initiate the process, the Collections Enforcement Section establishes a memorandum of understanding with state and local entities to outline the services to be provided and the expectations of both parties.

The Ohio Attorney General's Office charges a 10 percent collection fee that can be passed along to the debtor.



- Offset of a debtor's state tax refund and lottery winnings through an automated function the Ohio Attorney General's Office uses in coordination with the Ohio Department of Taxation
- Payment processing via credit card, checks, the Internet, and a 24-hour interactive phone response system
- Online monitoring and review of accounts through interactive software made available to local and state entities

For more information on this service, contact Jill Reardon, director of internal collections, at **614-466-4510** or **LGC@OhioAttorneyGeneral.gov.** 

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