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Local Debt Collections CCAO Webinar

**Ohio Attorney General Mike DeWine
Collections Enforcement Section**

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- **Attorney General Mike DeWine's Collections Enforcement section acts as the chief collection agent for all state agencies, boards and commissions and universities.**
- **Under a recent change in state law, the Attorney General's Collections Enforcement section can collect debt on behalf of local governments.**



- **The Attorney General's new Local Debt Collections program is a new and separate program from our general collections function and, as such, will have a separate staff trained and dedicated to collecting this debt exclusively.**



To Get Started:

- Request a new client packet including a Memorandum of Understanding from the Attorney General's Collections Enforcement office.
- Once the Memorandum of Understanding is executed by your legal authority and signed by the Ohio Attorney General's Office, you will be contacted to begin the process of downloading your debt to the office for collection.



Process

- The process of certifying (downloading) debt to the Attorney General's Office is fully automated through the use of an FTP file or excel data file layout that will be provided.



Collection Efforts:

- The debtor will be immediately informed that:
- Their debt has been referred from you and is now being held by the Ohio Attorney General's office for collection purposes; and
- Payment is expected immediately in full; and;
- Any state tax refund due them will be taken for payment of the debt owed to your entity.



Types of Debt that **WILL** be collected

- The Debt types that **WILL** be collected include:
- Any final debt over \$100.00
- Examples: Statutory fees accessed by Political Subdivision; and
- Civil court costs; and
- Criminal Court costs.



Debts **NOT** collected:

- Any debt that is **NOT** final, still under appeal or subject to change; and
- Any debt under \$100.00
- Any debt against a currently incarcerated debtor; and
- Any debt owed directly by a juvenile; and
- Any utilities.

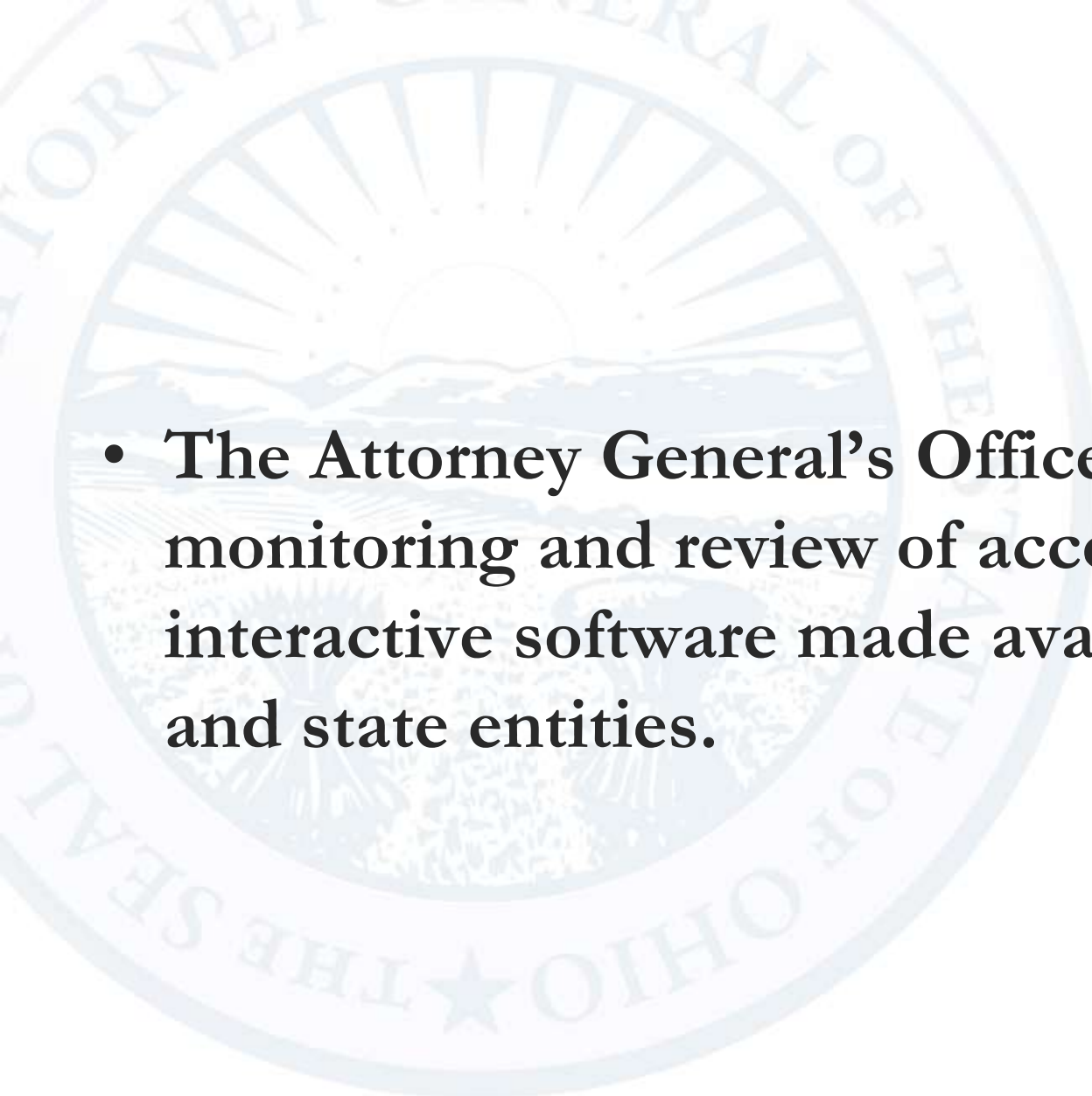


- **Payment from the debtor can be made by check, credit cards and the internet.**
- **The Attorney General's Office charges a 10 percent collection fee that can be passed to the debtor.**



- **Offset of a debtor's state tax refund can be made through an automated function the Attorney General's Office uses in coordination with the Ohio Department of Taxation. The Attorney General's Office can also offset some Lottery winnings.**



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- **The Attorney General's Office offers online monitoring and review of accounts through interactive software made available to local and state entities.**



- **Upon request, the Attorney General's Office will email you a new client packet including:**

Client Questionnaire

Memorandum of Understanding

List of business rules



- For additional information or to receive a new client packet of information regarding the Attorney General's Local Collection program contact:

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