

Program # 10029 - County School Fund

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Priority: Education
Program Offer Type: Existing Operating
Related Programs:
Frameworks:

Lead Agency: Non-Departmental - All
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Executive Summary

This program offer accounts for the statutory responsibility the County has to distribute revenues received from the sale of timber cut on federal forest lands. These revenues are dedicated to a County School Fund and distributed proportionally to local school districts.

Program Description

Since 1908, all counties in Oregon have received payments from the US government from revenue generated by the sale of timber cut on federal forest lands. This mandated program provides approximately \$200-\$225,000 annually to local school districts in Multnomah County. State law specifies how the revenue is to be allocated.

Program Justification

This program links to the Education priority. It provides direct cash assistance to school districts. While this is not a large source of revenue in Multnomah County the link between timber revenue and schools has been established since the early 1900's. Federal legislation was enacted (PL 106-393) in 2001 that established a "safety net" for counties that have historically been heavily reliant on timber revenue. This safety net guarantees that counties will receive a specified level of funding each year based on average receipts prior to implementation of the Clinton administration's forest plan. Without these safety net payments many school districts in Oregon would be much more heavily reliant on state and local revenue sources.

Performance Measures

Revenue is distributed to county school districts in accordance with ORS.

Summary of last year's program results and this year's expected results

Program Mandate: 1 Mandated Program & Funding Level

ORS 328.005 - 328.035 outlines the requirement to establish a County School Fund. The apportionment of revenue from the sale of timber on federal forest lands is described in ORS 294.060 which states ". . . moneys received by each county . . . shall be divided 75 percent to the road fund and 25 percent to the school fund of the county."

Revenue/Expense Detail

	Proposed General Fund	Proposed Other Funds	Proposed General Fund	Proposed Other Funds
	2005	2005	2006	2006
Program Expenses				
Contracts	\$0	\$217,090	\$0	\$226,000
Internal Services	\$0	\$3,410	\$0	\$0
Subtotal: Direct Exps:	\$0	\$220,500	\$0	\$226,000
Administration	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
Program Support	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
Subtotal: Other Exps:	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
Total GF/non-GF:	\$0	\$220,500	\$0	\$226,000
Program Total:	\$220,500		\$226,000	
Program FTE	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
Program Revenues				
Taxes	\$0	\$220,000	\$0	\$225,000
Other / Miscellaneous	\$0	\$500	\$0	\$1,000
Program Revenue for Admin	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
Total Revenue:	\$0	\$220,500	\$0	\$226,000

Explanation of Revenues

25% of the revenue received from the federal government for the sale of timber cut on federal forest lands. Total revenue has averaged between \$800-900,000 over the past several years. The share allocated to the County School Fund has varied between \$200-225,000 during that time.

Significant Program Changes