

Program # 95001 - General Fund Revenues

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Frameworks:

Executive Summary

This program offer budgets the countywide, or "corporate", revenues that make up the General Fund. The General Fund is the primary source of discretionary revenue that supports County programs across all priority areas.

Program Description

In FY06, General Fund revenues are estimated to total slightly more than \$410 million. That amount includes the County's temporary local income tax (ITAX) and, at \$125.8 million, it is the second largest source of revenue in the General Fund. The revenues budgeted in this program offer represent approximately 94% of the total General Fund. The primary revenue sources are Property Tax, ITAX, Business Income Tax (BIT), and Motor Vehicle Rental Tax. The remaining General Fund revenues are budgeted within departmental program offers.

Program Justification

This program offer links to the Accountability priority. Accurate revenue forecasting is crucial to the development of long-range financial plans. It is the goal of the Budget Office to produce revenue estimates that fall within a range of (+/-) 2% of actual collections. The assumptions used to develop revenue forecasts should be clearly articulated to, and understood by, all decision makers in the budget process.

The County's Financial & Budget Policies outline the forecast process. There are six goals that are achieved through the development of a five-year financial forecast. Goal # 6 states - "to provide an accountable form of government to the citizens of Multnomah County."

Performance Measures

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

FY04 actual revenues were within 1.2% of forecast.

FY05 revenues following a review of third quarter receipts are estimated to be 1.5% higher than budgeted.

FY06 revenues have been estimated to increase modestly - about 2.6% higher than the revised forecast for FY05.

Program Mandate: 4 Program and Funding Level Choice

As the name implies, General Fund revenues are available for general use. There are no mandates that apply to the allocation of these revenue sources.

Revenue/Expense Detail

	Proposed General Fund	Proposed Other Funds	Proposed General Fund	Proposed Other Funds
	2005	2005	2006	2006
Program Expenses				
Subtotal: Direct Exps:	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
Administration	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
Program Support	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
Subtotal: Other Exps:	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
Total GF/non-GF:	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
Program Total:	\$0		\$0	
Program FTE	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
Program Revenues				
Fees, Permits & Charges	\$0	\$0	\$2,387,169	\$0
Intergovernmental	\$0	\$0	\$7,712,738	\$0
Taxes	\$0	\$0	\$355,247,372	\$0
Other / Miscellaneous	\$0	\$0	\$28,855,920	\$0
Program Revenue for Admin	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
Total Revenue:	\$0	\$0	\$394,203,199	\$0

Explanation of Revenues

There are a handful of revenues that make up the bulk of the General Fund. These include (in order of size) - Property Tax, ITAX, BIT, Motor Vehicle Rental Tax, Video Lottery proceeds, and other state shared revenues.

The Property Tax is the single largest source of revenue in the General Fund. It is governed by state statute and its growth is limited by two constitutional measures which have been approved by the Oregon electorate. An explanation of the limitations imposed by Measure 5 and Measures 47/50 can be found in the Appendix section of the budget document.

The fiscal parameters approved by the Board of County Commissioners for the sunset of the ITAX outline General Fund revenue that is expected to be available in FY06 and FY07. A more complete discussion of the forecast assumptions can be found on the Budget Office's website.

Significant Program Changes

Property Tax revenues are estimated to increase by \$5.4 million over the revised FY05 forecast. This reflects an assumption that overall assessed value will grow by 3.25%, generating a net increase of just less than 3% in Property Tax revenue.

All other revenue sources have been forecast to grow moderately or stay flat. This reflects the Budget Office's cautious optimism that local economic conditions will gradually improve over the next year.