

Priority: Accountability

Lead Agency: Citizen Involvement

Program Offer Type: New Program

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Related Programs:

Program Characteristics:

Executive Summary

This offer gives the County through the Citizen Involvement Committee (CIC) and its office the resources to significantly increase the openness of County government. Increasing the number of citizens actively involved in policy and decision making within Multnomah County Government is fundamental to building trust and accountability in County government.

Program Description

This offer 1)more than doubles the number of citizen involvement opportunities for the public to be educated and weigh in on County decisions and participate in final outcomes through enhanced targeted outreach to the community 2)provides resources to take discussions to communities that currently do not participate in county government 3)restores the hours of operation for the office 4) shortens the processing time for citizen requests and recommendations 5) restores the Citizen Advocate Program to provide support, encouragement and communication with citizen members of boards and commissions and works to enhance participation in County decisions 6) increases the ability of this program to support its volunteers and to resume assisting the County as a whole with recruitment needs 7) restores staffing for the Non-departmental CBAC 8) restores support to the recognition process of community groups in the unincorporated areas of the County enabling them to be informed of and participate in land use and transportation decisions 9) puts the citizen- driven Dedicated Fund Reviews back on a regular schedule 10) allows for regular updates to the CIC website and publications to provide independent information to citizens about opportunities to participate.

Program Justification

-Perception of trust and confidence in government: Fundamental to building trust and accountability in government is adding to and building the county's community of citizens who are actively engaged in its government. This offer restores the current program's ability to make the public aware of what the county is doing and provide avenues for them to contribute to program development and direction as well as broader policy questions. This offer connects more citizens with the decision makers thus increasing the ways of providing feedback to the community on how their advice was used and showing them where that advice had an impact in the final decision increasing public trust and confidence

-Price of Government: Increasing the citizen voice in how the county uses its resources to provide services is fundamental to building trust in the price of government. Expanding the number of citizens who offer their time to consider county policies and services and deliberate with other citizens to offer input and recommendations on priorities, goals, programs, budgets, etc. is critical to clear and accessible decision making.

Performance Measures

Measure Type	Primary Measure	Previous Year Actual (FY04-05)	Current Year Purchased (FY05-06)	Current Year Estimate (FY05-06)	Next Year Offer (FY06-07)
Output	Additional number of CIC generated citizen involvement opportunities	1,455	0	0	1,000
Outcome	Additional number of citizen involvement hours	3,657	0	0	2,100
Quality	Percent of volunteers & event participants who feel time was well spent	90%	0%	0%	90%

Performance Measure - Description

This offer adds to the numbers in the base offer. Full restoration of previous results will come in the second year as the added staff becomes fully trained and more efficient and knowledgeable.

Legal/Contractual Obligation

Chapter Re: Chapter 3.75 Multnomah County Home Rule Charter; Resolution 8-86, Resolution 95-245, Multnomah County Code 2.30.640; 3.30-3.306 1. The County Charter states that the commission "shall appropriate sufficient funds for the operation of the office and the committee". A minimum level of a Director is set by the amended enabling ordinance establishing the office with the statement that "this office shall be adequately funded".

Revenue/Expense Detail

	Proposed General Fund	Proposed Other Funds	Proposed General Fund	Proposed Other Funds
	2006	2006	2007	2007
Program Expenses				
Personnel	\$0	\$0	\$51,870	\$0
Subtotal: Direct Exps:	\$0	\$0	\$51,870	\$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	\$51,870	\$0
Program Total:	\$0		\$51,870	
Program FTE	0.00	0.00	1.00	0.00
Program Revenues				
Program Revenue for Admin	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
Total Revenue:	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0

Explanation of Revenues

General Fund

Significant Program Changes

Last year this program was:

The CIC and its program strive to build trust and accountability in county government by strengthening and expanding the community of citizens who participate in county programs. The funding level of this offer combined with the existing operating offer reflects adequate funding to minimally meet its charter-mandated purpose.