

Priority: Accountability

Lead Agency: Auditor

Program Offer Type: New Program

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Related Programs:

Program Characteristics:

Executive Summary

Since its inception in 1993 The Portland Multnomah Progress Board (PMPB) has been jointly funded by Multnomah County and the City of Portland. Each government provided about half of the PMPB budget until FY03. Since then, Multnomah County's portion has not kept up with inflation, declining to an estimated 29% in FY07.

The County Chair and the Mayor serve as co-chairs of the PMPB which also includes local leaders representing business, non-profits and other governments. Additionally, PMPB staff have provided significant assistance towards improving and reporting results in many Multnomah County efforts (e.g., Priority Based Budgeting committees; County Commission on Children, Families and Community; School Age Policy Framework). PMPB also makes frequent presentations to County agencies and community groups to better inform their decision-making.

This offer represents the first in three steps to bring the County contribution to parity. To bring the County to total parity would require a funding increase of \$58,000. The offer is for 1/3 of that amount.

Program Description

The Portland Multnomah Progress Board has two inter-related functions. These functions are designed to increase cooperation across government jurisdictions and other sectors of the community.

First, it monitors and reports on a comprehensive set of communitywide indicators (called Benchmarks) designed to keep the Board and the public aware of a wide array of important community trends. The data used to create these benchmarks provides a centralized data source for all jurisdictions to use for more in-depth analysis. Staff also work with other jurisdictions to analyze trends that might assist them in developing or changing policy initiatives. Benchmark data, graphs, and reports are available at www.p-m-benchmarks.org.

Secondly, it provides a place for top community leaders from three local government jurisdictions, business and the non-profit sector to discuss community-wide problems and create alignments to improve them.

One example of the PMPB's work has been a 5 year partnership with the Leader's Roundtable related to educational success in the County. PMPB monitors and analyzes reading achievement, promotes awareness of this issue, and helps find ways to improve it. Two results have been increased effectiveness for organizations like SMART and the County Library's "Books to U." program.

Program Justification

The County was a co-founder of PMPB and this request will begin returning it to its agreed-upon share of PMPB costs. PMPB and the benchmarks provide accountability that aligns many organizations to better achieve improvements in our community. PMPB not only provides an efficient means of reporting results, but it is also a means of building collaboration among governments, non-profits, and businesses to address our most pressing problems.

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		0	0	0	0
Outcome		0	0	0	0

Performance Measure - Description

Because this is not an offer for a new program but an offer to bring the County contribution to parity as per the IGA, no performance measures are attached. A performance measure for the PMPB is included in the Auditor's Office offer.

Legal/Contractual Obligation

Multnomah County and the City of Portland entered into an intergovernmental agreement to support the Portland Multnomah Progress Board, contributing approximately equal shares of the costs.

Revenue/Expense Detail

	Proposed General Fund	Proposed Other Funds	Proposed General Fund	Proposed Other Funds
Program Expenses	2006	2006	2007	2007
Contracts	\$0	\$0	\$20,000	\$0
Subtotal: Direct Exps:	\$0	\$0	\$20,000	\$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	\$20,000	\$0
Program Total:	\$0		\$20,000	
Program FTE	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
Program Revenues				
Program Revenue for Admin	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
Total Revenue:	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0

Explanation of Revenues

Significant Program Changes

Last year this program was:

Recognizing the constraint number imposed by the County budget office in past years, the Portland Auditor's Office agreed to absorb a greater share of costs to preserve the program. This offer represents the first in three steps to bring the County contribution to parity. To bring the County to full parity would require a funding increase of \$58,000 though approving this program offer does not create an expectation that the County would provide the remaining portions in subsequent years.