

Priority: Vibrant Communities

Lead Agency: Library

Program Offer Type: New Program

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Related Programs:

Program Characteristics:

Executive Summary

Neighborhood libraries provide learning, culture and recreational opportunities to all County residents. Residents get information and entertainment from neighborhood libraries through books, computers and community activities. They use library meeting rooms for community meetings, tutoring sessions, story times and other library programs for children, teens and adults. We propose siting, beginning construction of tenant improvements in leased space, & building an opening day collection for a new neighborhood library at New Columbia, in North Portland's Portsmouth neighborhood.

Program Description

In 2001, the Housing Authority of Portland was awarded \$35 million to replace the aging 82-acre Columbia Villa public housing development in North Portland. The City of Portland committed funding for the project, and another \$90 million of direct investment is being generated from a variety of private, public and philanthropic sources. The vision of reconstructing aging housing sites into a new, mixed-income community is well under way, as the first residents returned to their new homes in May 2005. Phase 2 of construction is now under way, and will provide additional housing in this mixed-income community. Together with a new school, Boys & Girls Club, Community Center, and gymnasiums, a neighborhood library would be a welcoming, non-threatening way to bring community residents together for positive interactions and opportunities for lifelong learning. Funding for this offer includes money for siting, the capital cost of constructing tenant improvements, and building the opening day collection. Since it's unlikely that siting and construction will be completed before the end of the fiscal year, operational costs are not included. Once the library is open, yearly operational costs will be about \$730,000. Total cost with admin and support would be about \$1.23 million.

Program Justification

Livability, a concept that permeates nearly every aspect of the priorities that citizens have expressed, is tied to many factors, including a sense of community and place. A major part of the vision for New Columbia has been to break down the physical and perceived barriers between those who lived in the old Columbia Villa and the mixed-income residents of New Columbia. A library, open to all, where residents choose to come together in positive interaction with one another, can help to do this in ways that other institutions cannot. Literacy programs in a non-threatening library setting will help non-English speakers, as well as those who cannot read and write. Programs for people of all ages promote literacy and lifelong learning and a sense of community for all. Key to this library's mission will be promoting meaningful interaction between New Columbia residents and those outside the New Columbia development. A new library in New Columbia focuses on strategies #2 & 3 of the Vibrant Community priority, providing opportunities for people to connect and interact and promoting a lifetime of learning to achieve a vibrant sense of community.

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

New program, no past or current results. When this library opens, we estimate that about 30,000 library users will check out about 300,000 books each year. We would plan about 200 story times and other library programs for children, teens and adults each year, involving about 3,000 interactions with library users.

Legal/Contractual Obligation

Revenue/Expense Detail

	Proposed General Fund	Proposed Other Funds	Proposed General Fund	Proposed Other Funds
Program Expenses	2006	2006	2007	2007
Materials & Supplies	\$0	\$0	\$500,000	\$0
Capital Outlay	\$0	\$0	\$1,098,000	\$0
Subtotal: Direct Exps:	\$0	\$0	\$1,598,000	\$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	\$1,598,000	\$0
Program Total:	\$0		\$1,598,000	
Program FTE	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
Program Revenues				
Program Revenue for Admin	\$0	\$0	\$1,598,000	\$0
Total Revenue:	\$0	\$0	\$1,598,000	\$0

Explanation of Revenues

This program would be funded by an additional transfer from the General Fund.

Significant Program Changes

Last year this program was: