

Priority: Vibrant Communities

Lead Agency: Library

Program Offer Type: Innovative/New Program

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Related Programs:

Program Characteristics: One-Time-Only Request

Executive Summary

The passage of the November 2006 library levy provides funding for operational costs for a new library in Troutdale, beginning January 2009. This offer would fund the siting process, the construction of tenant improvements in a leased space, and the opening day collection for this new neighborhood library over the next 18 months.

Program Description

This offer is based on siting this new, leased neighborhood library in a visible, easily accessible location, near public transportation. The new neighborhood library would be open 53 hours per week, serving a population of about 30,000 people and offering 200 story times and other programs per year (in English and Spanish). Because of its large Hispanic/Latino population, the collection will include books and other library materials in English and Spanish, and some staff will be bilingual. The branch will have a meeting room for library programs and community meetings, offering a welcoming place for neighbors to interact and engage in community forums. Funding for this offer includes money for siting, constructing tenant improvements, purchasing computers and peripherals, and building the opening day collection.

Program Justification

Livability, in part due to a sense of community and place, can be achieved by a neighborhood library, open to all, where residents choose to come together in positive interaction with one another. According to the 2000 Census, East Multnomah County (east of 122nd Avenue) is home to 210,000 residents, and currently served by just four neighborhood libraries. The area of Multnomah County west of 122nd Avenue, home to 450,000 residents, is currently served by 12 neighborhood libraries. East County, the fastest growing area in the County, is less well served by Multnomah County Library than other areas of the County. A new library in Troutdale was included in the library levy passed by voters in November 2006. A library serves as a meeting place, promoting interaction among neighbors; providing books and other materials, story times and other programs for people of all ages; and offering space for public meetings. A neighborhood library focuses on strategies #2, 3 & 4 of the Vibrant Community priority, providing opportunities for people to connect & interact, promoting a lifetime of learning, and providing a variety of cultural and recreational opportunities to help achieve a vibrant sense of community.

Performance Measures

Measure Type	Primary Measure	Previous Year Actual (FY05-06)	Current Year Purchased (FY06-07)	Current Year Estimate (FY06-07)	Next Year Offer (FY07-08)
Output	Number of Public Siting Committee meetings	0	0	0	3
Outcome	Site selected & project ready to move to schematic design phase by 1/08 (est.)	0	0	0	1

Performance Measure - Description

Legal/Contractual Obligation

Measure No. 26-81 "Renew Five-Year Local Option Levy to Continue Library Services", November 2006 General Election – The levy language reads: "Continue programs for school age children, story hours for babies and toddlers, summer reading, literacy services for children in child care, programs for teens; Help teachers and students use library resources; provide homework helpers to assist children with school work; Maintain free access to information; Update books and materials; Continue books delivery to homebound seniors and nursing home residents; Open planned libraries in underserved neighborhoods of East County and North Portland: Keep libraries open; maintain current hours and services at Central and neighborhood libraries."

Revenue/Expense Detail

	Proposed General Fund	Proposed Other Funds	Proposed General Fund	Proposed Other Funds
	2007	2007	2008	2008
Program Expenses				
Personnel	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$33,911
Materials & Supplies	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$500,000
Internal Services	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$958,211
Capital Outlay	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$90,000
Subtotal: Direct Exps:	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$1,582,122
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	\$1,582,122
Program Total:	\$0		\$1,582,122	
Program FTE	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.25
Program Revenues				
Taxes	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$1,582,122
Program Revenue for Admin	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
Total Revenue:	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$1,582,122

Explanation of Revenues

This offer would be funded by the Library Fund's beginning working balance.

Significant Program Changes

Last year this program was: