

Priority: Education
Program Offer Type: Existing Operating
Related Programs:

Lead Agency: Non-Departmental - All
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Program Characteristics:

Executive Summary

This program offer accounts for the transfer of the remaining revenue from the temporary local income tax (ITAX) to Multnomah County school districts. Nine school districts share approximately 70% of the revenue generated by the ITAX.

The ITAX expired on December 31, 2005. This offer accounts for prior-year taxes anticipated to be collected during FY 2009.

Program Description

The ITAX was created when voters approved Ballot Measure 26-48 in May, 2003. It was a three-year measure that raised local funds to prevent further cuts to Multnomah County's public schools and to programs that help the County's most vulnerable residents. It was a temporary, local answer to state budget cuts and economic conditions. The bulk of the revenue, approximately \$90 million per year, was divided equally on a per-pupil basis to all county public school districts. This offer allocates the remaining ITAX revenue on the same per-pupil basis.

Program Justification

This program offer supports the County's priority of school success by providing direct cash assistance to schools. The ITAX was proposed following the defeat of Measure 28. That statewide measure referred a temporary, 0.5% tax increase that was enacted by the Legislature. Following the defeat of Measure 28, schools in Multnomah County faced the prospect of cutting several weeks from the academic year or reducing the number of direct instructional positions. The ITAX provided about 13% of the total funding for all school districts within the County over the three-year period of the tax. The ITAX funding for schools had a number of goals, including the provision of a full school year, funding programs designed to achieve improvements in academic success for all students, and funding student support programs that provide a quality school experience and retain students in school.

Performance Measures

Measure Type	Primary Measure	Previous Year Actual (FY06-07)	Current Year Purchased (FY07-08)	Current Year Estimate (FY07-08)	Next Year Offer (FY08-09)
Output	Itax funding per pupil (in dollars)	0	30	30	0
Outcome	Maintaining a full school year at all Multnomah county ITAX-funded schools	0	0	0	0

Performance Measure - Description

For the duration of the tax, ITAX funding per pupil ranged from 11%-13% of total per-pupil spending across the school districts in Multnomah County. Now that the tax has ended, remaining collections constitute less than one percent of average per-pupil spending in Multnomah County schools.

A primary goal of the ITAX was to promote full school years in County Schools. All districts reported maintaining full instructional years during the period of the ITAX. This measure will no longer be reported as the ITAX has ended.

Measure 26-48 contained a provision that required school districts to report to a School Efficiency and Advisory Council (SEAC) on their plans for improving student achievement. The SEAC has released several reports that detail how schools used the ITAX revenue. Those reports can be found on the web at: <http://www.seacinfo.org/>

Legal/Contractual Obligation

Measure 26-48 obligates the County to pass through 70% of ITAX collections to the public schools.

Revenue/Expense Detail

	Proposed General Fund	Proposed Other Funds	Proposed General Fund	Proposed Other Funds
	2008	2008	2009	2009
Program Expenses				
Contracts	\$2,259,547	\$0	\$1,732,899	\$0
Subtotal: Direct Exps:	\$2,259,547	\$0	\$1,732,899	\$0
Administration	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
Program Support	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
Subtotal: Other Exps:	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
Total GF/non-GF:	\$2,259,547	\$0	\$1,732,899	\$0
Program Total:	\$2,259,547		\$1,732,899	
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

This program is supported by collection of prior-year ITAX revenues. Funding is expected to be one-time-only for FY 2009.

Significant Program Changes

Last year this program was: #10036, Multnomah County Schools

As the Itax has ended, the funding for this program is significantly lower than it has been for the past five years.