

Priority: Vibrant Communities
Program Offer Type: Innovative/New Program
Related Programs: 72005
Program Characteristics: Joint Offer

Lead Agency: County Management
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Executive Summary

The Sustainability & Environmental Health Partnership supports a healthy environment which is fundamental for clean, healthy neighborhoods. The Partnership establishes an official partnership between the Sustainability Program and the Health Department to develop solutions for some of the county's most pressing environmental health issues. The Partnership will accomplish this by developing community partners and outside funding to implement strategies and achieve environmental health goals. For example, global climate change is internationally recognized as the major health crisis of this century. The UN Intergovernmental Panel on Climate Change estimate that climate change is likely to affect the health status of millions of people, particularly poor and vulnerable communities, due to extreme weather conditions, food access, & infections disease vectors. Multnomah County has a unique mission to provide social services and a network of care to those most vulnerable in our community. It is estimated that Oregon weather patterns will shift, disease vectors will increase, and food and transportation costs may rise significantly which will adversely affect all of us, and our vulnerable communities most acutely.

Program Description

The Sustainability & Environmental Health Partnership will provide a much needed link between the county's Sustainability Program and Health Department. The Partnership will draw upon the expertise of both organizations to provide project management on key environmental health issues. The Partnership will establish a Program Coordinator whose core role would include: (1) coordinating efforts between the Sustainability Program and Health Department on environmental health issues, (2) coordinating community partners, (3) developing public education campaigns, and (4) fundraising. In May 2008, it is anticipated that the county will adopt an updated Portland/Multnomah Local Action Plan on Global Warming with a goal of reducing emissions 80% below 1990 levels. This updated Plan is expected to have serious workload implications for the county in terms of public outreach and education. The Partnership will provide leadership and coordination for a public awareness campaign on climate change that is expected to be regional in scope.

Program Justification

The Sustainability & Environmental Health Partnership will champion a healthy environment by bringing together the strengths of the Sustainability Program and the Health Department to develop solutions for environmental health issues burdening our community. For example, the Partnership will coordinate a public awareness campaign that will arise from the 2008 Local Action Plan on Global Warming Update that challenges local governments, businesses, and residents to reduce greenhouse gas emissions. Public education will be THE defining factor in the successful achievement of the county's stated climate change goals.

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	Number of businesses/organizations that commit to the climate change challenge	0	0	0	250
Outcome	Greenhouse gas emission reduction for Multnomah County from 1990 levels	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%	2.0%
Outcome		0	0	0	0
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Performance Measure - Description

Outcome: Greenhouse gas emission reduction for all of Multnomah County from 1990 levels are Board adopted goals. Current benchmark provides measure on meeting targets.

Output: Number of businesses, universities/schools, and other organizations that sign the climate change challenge provides a numerical measure of the climate change public awareness campaign's effectiveness.

Legal/Contractual Obligation

Revenue/Expense Detail

	Proposed General Fund	Proposed Other Funds	Proposed General Fund	Proposed Other Funds
Program Expenses	2008	2008	2009	2009
Personnel	\$0	\$0	\$76,501	\$0
Contracts	\$0	\$0	\$5,150	\$0
Materials & Supplies	\$0	\$0	\$3,634	\$0
Internal Services	\$0	\$0	\$12,487	\$0
Subtotal: Direct Exps:	\$0	\$0	\$97,772	\$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	\$97,772	\$0
Program Total:	\$0		\$97,772	
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: