

Priority: Thriving Economy
Program Offer Type: Existing Operating
Related Programs: 91016, 91018

Lead Agency: Community Services
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Program Characteristics: One-Time-Only Request

Executive Summary

The Bridge Engineering program is entrusted with improving and prolonging the County's long term investment in its six Willamette River Bridges and 24 other bridge structures. The Willamette River crossings consist of four movable bridges (Hawthorne, Morrison, Burnside and Broadway) and two fixed structures (Sellwood and Sauvie Island). Bridge Engineering works closely with Bridge Maintenance and Operations as well as Road Engineering on a variety of projects and issues.

Program Description

During the construction bid phase of the Sauvie Island Bridge Replacement project the bids submitted exceeded all previous estimates by approximately \$8 million. Due to the high priority given this project, the Board took action at that time to loan the Bridge Fund the \$8 million needed to proceed with the construction phase from the general fund. Since interfund loans are required by statute to be repaid within 5 years a repayment schedule was established that would allow smaller payments for the first 3 years and then larger payments in the final 2 years. It was thought that the loan may be forgiven in future years or that there may be new revenue streams by the time the final 2 payments were made. However, neither situation has occurred.

The loan repayment scheduled for FY09 is \$1,600,000 and the Bridge Section has included that in its FY09 budget. The loan payments scheduled for FY10 and FY11 are \$3,000,000 and \$3,253,000 respectively. Since the revenue received on an annual basis for Bridge Engineering is \$2,900,000, it would be impossible to make these payments. This program offer would allow the General Fund to write-off the final 2 repayments, approximately \$6,000,000.

Program Justification

Writing off this loan would allow Bridge Engineering to continue to function as a viable program. Until a new revenue stream can be secured, the program will be limited in scope, but would continue to contribute to a vibrant economy.

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		0	0	0	0
Outcome		0	0	0	0

Performance Measure - Description

Legal/Contractual Obligation

Multnomah County is required to maintain and operate its drawbridges in accordance with the River and Harbor Act of 1894, federal regulations (USC 117.750), U.S. Coast Guard regulations (CFR Title 33), State Law (ORS 382.305), 1984 IGA with the City of Portland as amended in 1989, and HB 2041 Section 3a.

Revenue/Expense Detail

	Proposed General Fund	Proposed Other Funds	Proposed General Fund	Proposed Other Funds
Program Expenses	2008	2008	2009	2009
Cash Transfer	\$0	\$0	\$6,000,000	\$0
Unappropriated & Contingency	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$6,000,000
Subtotal: Direct Exps:	\$0	\$0	\$6,000,000	\$6,000,000
Administration	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
Program Support	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
Subtotal: Other Exps:	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
Total GF/non-GF:	\$0	\$0	\$6,000,000	\$6,000,000
Program Total:	\$0		\$12,000,000	
Program FTE	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
Program Revenues				
Other / Miscellaneous	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$6,000,000
Program Revenue for Admin	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
Total Revenue:	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$6,000,000

Explanation of Revenues

Significant Program Changes

Last year this program was: