Program # 91024 - Elections -- Presidential | Version 2/19/2008 s

Priority:	Accountability	**Lead Agency:**	Community Services
Program Offer Type:	Existing Operating	**Program Contact:**	John Kauffman
Related Programs:	91008		

Program Characteristics: One-Time-Only Request

Executive Summary

This One-Time-Only Request is made to provide additional resources necessary to conduct the Presidential General Election.

Program Description

The Presidential General Election is conducted once every four years. For this election, we anticipate mailing ballots to 450,000 registered voters which will be 20,000 more than in 2004. We also anticipate 10 to 15 state initiative measures which will require a ballot which contains two pages printed on both sides. The turnout for this election should equal and may exceed the voter turnout for 2004 which was 84.87% in Multnomah County.

Program Justification

The Elections Division is an important component of our democratic process. All eligible citizens have the right to be registered to vote and to participate in elections. The perception of trust and confidence (one indicator of accountability) begins with open, fair and accurate elections. The program seeks to conduct elections in Multnomah County so that the focus of attention is on the candidates and issues, not on the election process.

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 votes counted	262,628	0	0	382,500
Outcome	Customers satisfied with front counter service	0	0	0	95

Performance Measure - Description

Number of votes counted in the presidential election.

Legal/Contractual Obligation

Multnomah County Code of Ordinances, Chapter 5, Elections, describes the process for county initiative/referendum petitions in Multnomah County as well as how to fill vacancies in county elective offices. Oregon Administrative Rules, Chapter 165, addresses state-wide uniformity in the conduct of elections by each county. Rules deal with issues such as County Voters' Pamphlets and Voting by Mail. Oregon Revised Statutes, Chapters 246 through 260, provide the legal authority for all aspects of conducting elections in Oregon from voter registration through counting ballots.

There are also Federal mandates. The National Voter Registration Act, the Americans with Disabilities Act and the Help America Vote Act establish election administration standards for States and local governments who have the responsibility to administer Federal elections.

Federal and State law require vote tally hardware and software be purchased only from a list of Federal and State certified vendors.

Revenue/Expense Detail

	Proposed General Fund	Proposed Other Funds	Proposed General Fund	Proposed Other Funds
Program Expenses	2008	2008	2009	2009
Personnel	$0	$0	$327,000	$0
Contracts	$0	$0	$40,000	$0
Materials & Supplies	$0	$0	$100,150	$0
Subtotal: Direct Exps:	**$0**	**$0**	**$467,150**	**$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**	**$467,150**	**$0**
Program Total:	**$0**		**$467,150**	
Program FTE	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
Program Revenues				
Fees, Permits & Charges	$0	$0	$260,954	$0
Program Revenue for Admin	$0	$0	$0	$0
Total Revenue:	**$0**	**$0**	**$260,954**	**$0**

Explanation of Revenues

Reimbursement of election expenses are paid by school and special districts which place candidates and/or measures on the General Election Ballot. Some revenue is generated by candidate filing fees and voters' pamphlet fees.

Significant Program Changes

Last year this program was:
One management employee has been eliminated in this budget;materials and supplies have been reduced approximately $92,500; passport revenue has been increased by $7500.00.