

Lead Agency: Non-Departmental - All
Program Offer Type: Innovative/New Program
Related Programs:
Program Characteristics:

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Executive Summary

The Sustainability Program provides leadership for the county's sustainability efforts, including social equity, a vibrant local economy, and environmental protection. This program offer presents the option to develop additional capacity within the county around the critical issues of food policy and projects. Food access or the ability of all our community to obtain fresh, healthy food is a critical social determinant of an equitable and healthy community. This program option provides for coordination of food policy in Multnomah County.

Program Description

The Sustainability Program supports healthy neighborhoods, a thriving local economy, and social equity. The establishment of a Multnomah Community Food Policy Specialist and a Multnomah Community Food Project Coordinator in the Sustainability Program will provide a critical link between county efforts on hunger, fresh healthy food, economic development, climate protection and community needs. Food access is a critical issue for the health and equity of our community. Hunger is at an all time high, diseases such as diabetes and heart disease are epidemic, and half of all Multnomah County children are overweight or obese. The 2009 Climate Action Plan commits the county to establishing capacity to support the development of a strong local food system. In addition to the equity and environmental benefits, the opportunities to promote local economic vitality with a 'local food cluster' are tremendous. Local governments across the United States are recognizing the critical role of food as a social determinant of health and equity for their residents, as well as the economic opportunities, and are beginning to establish food programs, Offices of Food, and hiring food policy coordinators. The Multnomah Community Food Policy Specialist role will provide crucial leadership to major policy efforts such as the Multnomah Food Initiative, the Multnomah Food Action Plan, the Climate Action Plan, the Food Policy Council, and provide policy direction to ensure that all our residents have access to healthy food. The Multnomah Community Food Project Coordinator role will provide project management to county projects such as the successful CROPS farm which donated 12,000 lbs. of fresh food to the Oregon Food Bank in 2009, the Juvenile Justice Center vegetable gardens which were tended by juvenile offenders, and the county headquarters' demonstration Hope Garden, and the County Digs tax-foreclosed donation program. Both positions will partner with community organizations and businesses to promote a sustainable local food system.

Performance Measures

Measure Type	Primary Measure	Previous Year Actual (FY08-09)	Current Year Purchased (FY09-10)	Current Year Estimate (FY09-10)	Next Year Offer (FY10-11)
Output	Dollar value of fresh, healthy produce donated to emergency food organizations	0	0	25,000	30,000
Outcome	Development of food indicators for the Multnomah Food Action Plan	0	0	0	5

Performance Measure - Description

 **Measure Changed**

Outcome: The development of food system indicators is a first critical step to successful food & health policy outcomes and transforming our food system so that it creates healthy people. Development of food indicators/metrics for the Multnomah Food Action Plan and the 2009 Climate Action Plan is such a first step. Currently, the county does not have any food system indicators to measure progress on our efforts. These indicators will be shared community-wide.

Output: Dollar value of fresh, healthy produce donated to emergency food organizations from county CROPS farm and garden projects.

Legal/Contractual Obligation

None.

Revenue/Expense Detail

	Proposed General Fund	Proposed Other Funds	Proposed General Fund	Proposed Other Funds
Program Expenses	2010	2010	2011	2011
Personnel	\$0	\$0	\$129,132	\$0
Materials & Supplies	\$0	\$0	\$8,650	\$0
Internal Services	\$0	\$0	\$28,782	\$0
Total GF/non-GF:	\$0	\$0	\$166,564	\$0
Program Total:	\$0		\$166,564	
Program FTE	0.00	0.00	2.00	0.00
Program Revenues				
Total Revenue:	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0

Explanation of Revenues

This is a General Fund Program.

Significant Program Changes**Last year this program was:**

This is a new program in FY 2011.