

Lead Agency: Non-Departmental - All

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Program Offer Type: Existing Operating

Related Programs:

Program Characteristics:

Executive Summary

This program offer accounts for principal and interest payments on various full faith and credit obligation bonds, capital leases, and intergovernmental agreements that were entered into to finance various capital improvements or capital acquisitions.

Program Description

Multnomah County is currently making payments on the following obligations:

Series 2004 Advance Refunding (\$54.2 million) - Full Faith & Credit

Series 2003 Refunding (\$9.6 million) - Full Faith & Credit

Series 2010A (\$9.8 million) - Full Faith & Credit

Series 2010B (\$15 million) - Full Faith & Credit

Sellwood Library 2002 (\$1.1 million) - Capital Lease

The outstanding debt issues have funded a number of capital improvements and acquisitions. These include, among others, purchase of the Multnomah, McCoy, and Mead buildings, health clinic equipment and improvements, deferred capital maintenance, construction of the East County Courthouse, and various computer applications. All binding obligations were approved by the Board of County Commissioners. The facilities and equipment purchased with these bond issues support many of the County programs.

Careful management of debt obligations contributes to sound financial management practices. Debt payments are recovered from departments who benefit from specific projects. In FY 2009, the County transferred \$24.2 million to a debt sinking fund that has been used for early debt retirement and to smooth the impact of escalating debt payments on departments.

Performance Measures

Measure Type	Primary Measure	Previous Year Actual (FY09-10)	Current Year Purchased (FY10-11)	Current Year Estimate (FY10-11)	Next Year Offer (FY11-12)
Output	Moody's Rating of Aa3 or Better	1	1	1	1
Outcome	Debt Service Payments Made as Scheduled	1	1	1	1

Performance Measure - Description

Maintaining an investment grade bond rating limits the amount the County might otherwise have to pay towards annual debt service.

(1)-indicates Moody's Aa2 or Aa3 rating, (0)-represents a rating lower than Aa2 or Aa3.

All principal and interest payments are made on time in order to maintain an investment grade rating on the bond issue. Multnomah County has never defaulted on a debt payment.

Legal/Contractual Obligation

Principal and interest on the full faith and credit obligations, certificates of participation, capital lease and intergovernmental agreements are a binding debt obligation of the County. All debt issues and refundings were approved by various resolutions adopted by the Board of County Commissioners.

Revenue/Expense Detail

	Proposed General Fund	Proposed Other Funds	Proposed General Fund	Proposed Other Funds
Program Expenses	2011	2011	2012	2012
Contracts	\$0	\$5,000	\$0	\$20,000
Debt Service	\$0	\$19,187,381	\$0	\$19,108,408
Unappropriated & Contingency	\$0	\$11,589,131	\$0	\$7,689,413
Total GF/non-GF:	\$0	\$30,781,512	\$0	\$26,817,821
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Program FTE	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
Program Revenues				
Fees, Permits & Charges	\$0	\$16,062,852	\$0	\$15,476,985
Intergovernmental	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$150,000
Other / Miscellaneous	\$0	\$14,718,660	\$0	\$11,190,836
Total Revenue:	\$0	\$30,781,512	\$0	\$26,817,821

Explanation of Revenues

Debt service payments are collected from departments in their facilities charges and passed through to the Capital Lease Retirement Fund.

The fund balance represents the remaining portion of the \$24.2 million General Fund transfer that was made in FY 2009.

Significant Program Changes

Last year this program was: #10023, Capital Debt Retirement Fund