

Lead Agency: Non-Departmental - All

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Program Offer Type: Existing Operating

Related Programs:

Program Characteristics:

Executive Summary

The PERS Pension Obligation Bond Sinking Program accounts for principal and interest payments on pension obligation revenue bonds issued December 1, 1999 in the amount of \$184,548,160 to retire the County's PERS unfunded actuarial accrued liability. Revenues that support debt payments are derived from charge backs to departments based on their departmental personnel cost.

Program Description

The County passed Resolution No. 99-218 on November 4, 1999, authorizing the issuance of up to \$200,000,000 of bonds to finance the estimated unfunded accrued actuarial liability of the County to the Oregon Public Employees Retirement System.

Senate Bill 198-B, effective October 23, 1999, authorized the County to pledge taxes that the County may levy within the limitations of sections 11 and 11b, Article XI of the Oregon Constitution not subject to annual appropriation. On December 1, 1999 the County issued \$184,548,160 in Pension Obligation Bonds to fund its PERS unfunded liability. Multnomah County took a leadership role in PERS reform and was the second jurisdiction in the State to issue Pension Obligation Bonds. As a result of issuing Pension Obligation Bonds the County will save an estimated \$35 million (present value) in pension costs. This is based on forecast rates that PERS would have had to charge if the County's liability had remained on a pay-as-you-go basis.

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 Aa2 or Better	1	1	1	1
Outcome		0	0	0	0

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 rating, (0)-represents rating lower than Aa2.

Legal/Contractual Obligation

Principal and interest on the PERS Pension Obligation Bond are a binding debt obligation. The County passed Resolution No. 99-218 on November 4, 1999, authorizing the issuance of up to \$200,000,000 of bonds under the Uniform Revenue Bond Act.

Revenue/Expense Detail

	Proposed General Fund	Proposed Other Funds	Proposed General Fund	Proposed Other Funds
Program Expenses	2011	2011	2012	2012
Contracts	\$0	\$25,000	\$0	\$50,000
Debt Service	\$0	\$15,201,805	\$0	\$16,098,430
Unappropriated & Contingency	\$0	\$45,613,195	\$0	\$56,176,570
Total GF/non-GF:	\$0	\$60,840,000	\$0	\$72,325,000
Program Total:	\$60,840,000		\$72,325,000	
Program FTE	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
Program Revenues				
Fees, Permits & Charges	\$0	\$18,000,000	\$0	\$16,500,000
Other / Miscellaneous	\$0	\$42,840,000	\$0	\$55,825,000
Total Revenue:	\$0	\$60,840,000	\$0	\$72,325,000

Explanation of Revenues

Interest earnings on the fund balance and service charges assessed to departments as a percentage of payroll. In FY 2012, departments will pay 6.5% of payroll costs toward the retirement of the Pension Obligation Bonds. This is down slightly from the past few years.

Significant Program Changes

Last year this program was: #10025, PERS Pension Bond Fund