

Lead Agency: Library

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Program Offer Type: Existing Operating

Related Programs:

Program Characteristics: In Target

Executive Summary

Adult Outreach provides library services and programs to Multnomah County residents underserved by traditional library means, including older adults, new immigrants, people with disabilities, adult learners, institutionalized people, and homeless people. Adult Outreach delivers books and other materials to people who are homebound; provides resources and conducts classes and other programs for immigrants, new readers and GED seekers; and partners with community agencies.

Program Description

Adult Outreach delivers books and other library materials and services to Multnomah County residents who are homebound, or who live in assisted living facilities, retirement homes, adult care homes, shelters, transition homes, or jails (the latter in partnership with the Sheriff's Office). Adult Outreach connects these people with their community by providing library services and programs, such as book discussion groups. Adult Outreach, in partnership with other literacy organizations, also supports people whose first language is not English - or who do not know how to speak, read, or write English - by providing assistance, referrals, resources, and library programs, including citizenship classes, GED labs, English learning labs, and Talk Time (English conversation practice). Delivering books, reading to homebound people, providing useful programs with expert speakers, leading book discussion groups for seniors, teaching citizenship classes, leading book groups in the jails, and leading English conversation practice sessions in neighborhood libraries provide meaningful opportunities for volunteers, working with outreach staff, to contribute significantly to the lives of vulnerable citizens.

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	Book discussion groups for seniors	248	250	250	250
Outcome	Attendees who say book discussion programs connect them to their community	90.0%	90.0%	70.0%	70.0%
Output	Facilitated English conversation sessions for non-native speakers	131	250	130	130

Performance Measure - Description

Output: The number of facilitated English conversation sessions (Talk Time) has decreased because of two factors: a natural dwindling of the attendance at one of the groups, and the loss of volunteer facilitators. It is in the nature of this program to ebb and flow: As participants become more fluent, they leave the group, and as volunteers move on to other pursuits, groups end. The existing Talk Time groups are well-attended by enthusiastic participants at three library branches.

Legal/Contractual Obligation

Measure No. 26-81 "Renew Five-Year Local Option Levy to Continue Library Services", November 2006 General Election – The levy language reads: "Continue programs for school age children, story hours for babies and toddlers, summer reading, literacy services for children in child care, programs for teens; Help teachers and students use library resources; Provide homework helpers to assist children with school work; Maintain free access to information; Update books and materials; Continue books delivery to homebound seniors and nursing home residents; Open planned libraries in underserved neighborhoods of East County and North Portland; Keep libraries open; Maintain current hours and services at Central and neighborhood libraries."

Revenue/Expense Detail

	Proposed General Fund	Proposed Other Funds	Proposed General Fund	Proposed Other Funds
Program Expenses	2011	2011	2012	2012
Personnel	\$0	\$664,053	\$0	\$662,036
Contracts	\$0	\$6,500	\$0	\$0
Materials & Supplies	\$0	\$19,896	\$0	\$19,014
Internal Services	\$0	\$26,802	\$0	\$30,065
Total GF/non-GF:	\$0	\$717,251	\$0	\$711,115
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Program FTE	0.00	8.00	0.00	7.75
Program Revenues				
Total Revenue:	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0

Explanation of Revenues

The Library Fund revenue allocated to this program offer represents a pro-rated share of Library Levy taxes (57%), Library Fund balance (15%), and library-generated revenues such as overdue fines, interest earnings, and user charges for services provided to library patrons (5%). General Fund revenue represents about 23% of the library's total revenue.

The Sheriff's Office provides \$35,000 for services to jails from the Inmate Welfare Fund.

Significant Program Changes

Last year this program was: #80006, Adult Outreach
Net reduction of .25 FTE.