

Lead Agency: Nondepartmental - All

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Program Offer Type: Existing Operating

Related Programs:

Program Characteristics:

Executive Summary

This program offer accounts for Facilities charges for the State Courts and for the Tax Supervising & Conservation Commission. It also accounts for debt service on the new East County Courthouse, for pass-through payments to the Multnomah Law Library, and for maintaining the never-opened Wapato Jail. These are all state-mandated payments.

Program Description

ORS 1.185 requires that counties provide court space for the operation of the state circuit courts. Multnomah County operates courts at the downtown Courthouse, the Multnomah County Justice Center, the Donald E. Long Juvenile Justice Center, and at the new East County Courthouse, scheduled to open in FY 2013. County-provided courtroom space is a key resource in the County's criminal justice system. Multnomah County courts' central locations allow easy access to the court system, provide visibility to the community of the public safety system at work, and allow the justice system to hold offenders accountable.

The County's Facilities Division is responsible for operating and maintaining County courtrooms, and for maintaining the Wapato Jail facility. The Facilities Division provides services ranging from planning , construction, and building operations and maintenance to cleaning the buildings and maintaining the grounds for courtrooms located in Multnomah County's owned and leased facilities. Facilities maintains the grounds, interior, and exterior of the Wapato Jail, and incurs costs for this maintenance and for utilities in order to minimize deterioration of the building.

The 2011 Legislature passed several bills that changed the way court fees are allocated among local programs. One local program, the Multnomah Law Library, is a recipient of a new allocation of fees through Multnomah County to the Law Library. FY 2013 is the second year of this new pass-through payment of about \$993,000 annually.

Performance Measures

| Measure Type | Primary Measure | Previous Year Actual (FY10-11) | Current Year Purchased (FY11-12) | Current Year Estimate (FY11-12) | Next Year Offer (FY12-13) |
|--------------|--|--------------------------------|----------------------------------|---------------------------------|---------------------------|
| Output | All customer service requests are begun within 10 days of receipt. | 0.0% | 95.0% | 95.0% | 95.0% |
| Outcome | Customer service satisfaction rating | 0.0% | 90.0% | 90.0% | 90.0% |

Performance Measure - Description

These performance measures are the same as those used for the County's other building operations. Facilities customers are emailed a link for a Zoomerang customer service satisfaction survey. Replies and results are reviewed and used for continuous quality improvement.

Legal/Contractual Obligation

ORS 1.185 reads: "County to provide courtrooms, offices and jury rooms.

(1) The county in which a circuit court is located or holds court shall:

(a) Provide suitable and sufficient courtrooms, offices and jury rooms for the court, the judges, other officers and employees of the court and juries in attendance upon the court, and provide maintenance and utilities for those courtrooms, offices and jury rooms.

(b) Pay expenses of the court in the county other than those expenses required by law to be paid by the state.

(2) Except as provided in subsection (1) of this section, all supplies, materials, equipment and other property necessary for the operation of the circuit courts shall be provided by the state under ORS 1.187. [Formerly 1.165]

Revenue/Expense Detail

| | Proposed General Fund | Proposed Other Funds | Proposed General Fund | Proposed Other Funds |
|-------------------------|-----------------------|----------------------|-----------------------|----------------------|
| Program Expenses | 2012 | 2012 | 2013 | 2013 |
| Contracts | \$0 | \$0 | \$995,000 | \$0 |
| Materials & Supplies | \$161,303 | \$0 | \$237,104 | \$0 |
| Internal Services | \$4,416,043 | \$0 | \$4,077,676 | \$712,888 |
| Total GF/non-GF: | \$4,577,346 | \$0 | \$5,309,780 | \$712,888 |
| Program Total: | \$4,577,346 | | \$6,022,668 | |
| Program FTE | 0.00 | 0.00 | 0.00 | 0.00 |
| Program Revenues | | | | |
| Fees, Permits & Charges | \$0 | \$0 | \$995,000 | \$0 |
| Other / Miscellaneous | \$320,800 | \$0 | \$320,800 | \$0 |
| Total Revenue: | \$320,800 | \$0 | \$1,315,800 | \$0 |

Explanation of Revenues

Operating courtrooms is a General Fund obligation of the County. The Multnomah Law Library pass-through payment is fully supported by state-mandated court filing fees.

Debt service on the East County Courts is offset by a rebated received under the Build America Bonds program. Debt service costs are \$321,000 per year (net) from FY 2012 through FY 2020, and will be \$1.7 million per year from 2020 through 2030.

\$712,888 is funded with State Video Lottery funds.

Significant Program Changes

Last year this program was: #10018, General Fund Facilities Charges