Program # 72029 - DART Assessment Performance Analysis	Version 2/17/2012 s

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Program Offer Type: Existing Operating

Related Programs: 72023, 72030, 72031, 72032, 72033, 72034, 72035, 72037

Program Characteristics:

Executive Summary

The Assessment Performance Analysis Unit, within the Division of Assessment, Recording and Taxation (DART) is responsible for annual adjustments to Real Market Value resulting in assessed value upon which taxes are calculated and levied for the benefit of all Multnomah County taxing districts. Analysts develop and publish the annual Sales Ratio Study as required by statute.

Program Description

The Assessment Performance Analysis Unit links to DART appraisal and other programs and their contributions. Appraisal Data Analysts analyze sales, trends and other market data used to monitor, maintain and report valuation performance regarding Residential, Commercial, Multi-Family, and Industrial Appraisal Models. The Analysis Unit adjusts Real Market Values of all property in the County and publishes the annual Sales Ratio Study that evaluates and reports the effectiveness of appraisal programs to the Oregon Department of Revenue. The program assists in answering public and media questions about property values, contributing to the public's perception of fairness in assessing and collecting property taxes.

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	Number of Projects Maintained	13	13	13	13
Outcome	Percentage of Residential Neighborhoods With Equity Compliance	93.0%	90.0%	90.0%	90.0%

Performance Measure - Description

The output measure called "Number of Projects" refers to the many specific annual studies and reports completed by the team, including the largest: Residential.

"Residential Equity Compliance" is a measure developed internally to demonstrate the consistency of values among properties in the same neighborhood as valuation models are adjusted. This self-imposed compliance goal is not designed to achieve an ever higher score but instead to prompt deep analysis of value variances that ensures consistent and accurate adjustments to value.

Legal/Contractual Obligation

Oregon Revised Statutes (ORS) Chapters 92, 205, 294, 305, 306, 307, 308, 308A, 309, 310 and 321 and related Oregon Administrative Rules regulate virtually all aspects of the assessment and property tax calculation process. ORS 306.115 assigns statewide general supervision of the property tax system to the Oregon Department of Revenue (DOR). Through the County Assessment Function Funding Account (CAFFA) Grant process described in ORS 294.175, the DOR determines the acceptable level of staffing. The DOR has determined that DART staffing is at the minimally acceptable level to perform their functions. Any reduction to this program may jeopardize this grant revenue.

Revenue/Expense Detail

	Proposed General Fund	Proposed Other Funds	Proposed General Fund	Proposed Other Funds
Program Expenses	2012	2012	2013	2013
Personnel	$326,390	$0	$339,247	$0
Contracts	$4,040	$0	$0	$0
Materials & Supplies	$6,650	$0	$13,595	$0
Internal Services	$45,475	$0	$50,191	$0
Total GF/non-GF:	**$382,555**	**$0**	**$403,033**	**$0**
Program Total:	**$382,555**		**$403,033**	
Program FTE	3.20	0.00	3.20	0.00
Program Revenues				
Intergovernmental	$93,476	$0	$95,345	$0
Total Revenue:	**$93,476**	**$0**	**$95,345**	**$0**

Explanation of Revenues

Participation in the Oregon Department of Revenue County Assessment Function Funding Account (CAFFA) Grant, which supports Assessment & Taxation Programs, provides reimbursement of approximately 25% of program expenditures. Total annual Multnomah County share of CAFFA is estimated at $3,518,268, with $95,345 to DART Assessment Performance Analysis Program. Remaining program support is from General Fund revenues.

Significant Program Changes

Last year this program was: #72042, DART Assessment Performance Analysis