

Lead Agency: Nondepartmental - All

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Program Offer Type: Existing Operating

Related Programs:

Program Characteristics: In Target

Executive Summary

This program offer distributes revenues received from property taxes associated with railroad cars to local school districts. This is a statutory responsibility of Oregon counties (ORS 308.505 to ORS 308.665) and these revenues are dedicated to a County School Fund.

Formerly, revenues dedicated to the County School Fund included revenues received from the sale of timber cut on federal forest land. Federal legislation governing these payments has sunset as of FY 2012.

Program Description

Since 1908, all counties in Oregon had received payments from the US government from revenue generated by the sale of timber cut on federal forest lands. State law specified how the revenue was to be allocated.

The federal law authorizing federal timber payments to counties, PL 106-393, sunset as of September 30, 2006. It was reauthorized by Congress for one year in 2007, and was renewed in 2008 for a four-year period, during which time the amount received declined each year. FY 2012 was the last year in this 4-year extension.

The County School Fund also receives a portion of the ad valorem tax that is assessed on the value of rail cars as outlined by state statute.

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		0	0	0	0
Outcome		0	0	0	0

Performance Measure - Description

The County School Fund provides a very small amount of the total revenue available to schools in Multnomah County. Arguably, this amount is not large enough to contribute meaningfully toward student academic achievement.

Legal/Contractual Obligation

ORS 328.005-035 outlines the requirement to establish a County School Fund. The apportionment of revenue from the sale of timber on federal forest lands is described in ORS 294.060, which states: "...moneys received by each county...shall be divided 75 percent to the Road Fund and 25percent to teh school fund of the County."

Revenue/Expense Detail

	Proposed General Fund	Proposed Other Funds	Proposed General Fund	Proposed Other Funds
Program Expenses	2012	2012	2013	2013
Contracts	\$0	\$187,100	\$0	\$23,800
Total GF/non-GF:	\$0	\$187,100	\$0	\$23,800
Program Total:	\$187,100		\$23,800	
Program FTE	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
Program Revenues				
Intergovernmental	\$0	\$20,000	\$0	\$20,000
Taxes	\$0	\$166,000	\$0	\$0
Other / Miscellaneous	\$0	\$1,100	\$0	\$3,800
Total Revenue:	\$0	\$187,100	\$0	\$23,800

Explanation of Revenues

The County School Fund is credited with 25% of the revenue received from teh statewide assessment of railroad cars apportioned to each County. Revenues have averaged \$15,000-\$20,000 over the past several years.

Significant Program Changes

✔ **Significantly Changed**

Last year this program was: #10020, County School Fund
Timber payments have ended.