

Lead Agency: Community Services

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Program Offer Type: Innovative/New Program

Related Programs: 91008A

Program Characteristics: One-Time-Only Request, In Target

Executive Summary

The Elections Division conducts all local, city, county, state and federal elections for the citizens of Multnomah County, and all political districts within Multnomah County. Under Oregon law, regular election dates are in March, May, September and November. Under state and local law, special elections and recall elections can also be called at any time of the year.

Program Description

Every four years a Presidential General Election takes place and this will occur in FY13. Expenses for Presidential General Elections are far greater than 'normal' elections. A number of factors contribute to these higher expenses. The most significant contributor is the number of ballots cast due to the importance of this election. This is a one-time-only program offer to increase the Elections Division budget for these non-recurring expenses.

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 votes counted | 431,272 | 440,000 | 296,647 | 454,750 |
| Outcome | Percent of customers satisfied with counter service | 98.0% | 95.0% | 99.0% | 95.0% |

Performance Measure - Description

Customer satisfaction was measured through a survey completed by Elections customers immediately following service. The results shown above reflect the percentage of customers who indicated that customer service either met or exceeded their expectations.

Legal/Contractual Obligation

Multnomah County Code of Ordinances, Chapter 5, Elections, describes the process for county initiative/referendum petitions in Multnomah County as well as how to fill vacancies in county elective offices. Oregon Administrative Rules, Chapter 165, addresses state-wide uniformity in the conduct of elections by each county. Rules deal with issues such as County Voters' Pamphlets and Voting by Mail. Oregon Revised Statutes, Chapters 246 through 260, provide the legal authority for all aspects of conducting elections in Oregon. There are also Federal mandates. The Voting Rights Act, The National Voter Registration Act, The Help America Vote Act and The Military and Overseas Voter Empowerment Act establish nation wide election administration standards.

Revenue/Expense Detail

| | Proposed General Fund | Proposed Other Funds | Proposed General Fund | Proposed Other Funds |
|-------------------------|-----------------------|----------------------|-----------------------|----------------------|
| | 2012 | 2012 | 2013 | 2013 |
| Program Expenses | | | | |
| Personnel | \$0 | \$0 | \$193,823 | \$0 |
| Materials & Supplies | \$0 | \$0 | \$72,000 | \$0 |
| Internal Services | \$0 | \$0 | \$69,500 | \$0 |
| Total GF/non-GF: | \$0 | \$0 | \$335,323 | \$0 |
| Program Total: | \$0 | | \$335,323 | |
| Program FTE | 0.00 | 0.00 | 0.00 | 0.00 |
| Program Revenues | | | | |
| Total Revenue: | \$0 | \$0 | \$0 | \$0 |

Explanation of Revenues

All revenue has been included in the regular Elections program offer #91008.

Significant Program Changes

Last year this program was: