

Lead Agency: County Management

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Program Offer Type: Existing Operating

Related Programs:

Program Characteristics: Climate Action Plan

Executive Summary

Purchasing oversees the County's goods and services procurement activities and provides leadership, expertise, and training to employees who perform purchasing functions. Purchasing supports departments to procure products and services in human services, construction, materials, and both non-professional and professional services. Purchasing ensures appropriate and cost-efficient public procurement and contracting practices, including evaluating the economic, social and environmental impacts of purchases.

Program Description

Purchasing provides leadership, policy oversight and monitoring, contract procurement, compliance, staff training, support services and overall accountability for thousands of contracts and millions of dollars awarded each year.

Key efforts include: (1) safeguard the County from potential contractual risk and liability exposure; (2) ensure products and services are purchased in accordance with federal and state laws, procedures and regulations including County Administrative Procedures and rules established by Multnomah County's Public Contract Review Board (PCRB); (3) review and approve contract documents, review and approve contract changes and/or amendments and maintain official contract records; (4) research, analyze, recommend, and implement best practices; (5) provide on-going guidance, support, training, and consulting to departments and employees; (6) track, monitor, analyze and annually report on contract data and performance measures; (7) maximize efforts to include and ensure participation of Minority, Women and Emerging Small Businesses (MWESB) and Qualified Rehabilitation Facilities (QRF); (8) participate in community events, meetings and conduct outreach to the MWESB vendor community, and (9) develop and implement sustainable purchasing policies, procedures and training.

CAP: 18-9 All Purchasing staff share in the education, training, and support of County staff to promote and support sustainable purchasing practices.

Performance Measures

Measure Type	Primary Measure	Previous Year Actual (FY11-12)	Current Year Purchased (FY12-13)	Current Year Estimate (FY12-13)	Next Year Offer (FY13-14)
Output	Percent of contracts awarded to MWESB and QRF businesses	34.3%	35.0%	34.0%	35.0%
Outcome	Number of sustained protests on formal procurements	0	0	0	0
Output	Number of formal RFP and Bid solicitations issued	70	50	60	70
Output	Number of contracts processed	679	900	686	700

Performance Measure - Description

These are the same performance measures as in FY 2013. Purchasing manages formal Request For Proposal (RFP) and bid solicitations (i.e. >\$150,000) for the County because they represent the greatest risk in the County's purchasing activity.

Minimizing the number of sustained protests is an indicator of how well Purchasing is managing the risks associated with formal procurement processes. The output measure of the number of formal RFP and bid solicitations is a good indicator of the volume of formal procurements we conduct across all county departments.

Likewise, the number of contracts processed is a good indicator of the volume of contracts we review, process and store for county departments. We've seen a reduction in the number of contracts and amendments due to a push by the Department towards multi-year contracts.

Legal/Contractual Obligation

Oregon Revised Statutes (ORS) 279A, 279B, and 279C establish requirements affecting the County's procurement and contracting practices. The County establishes and implements Public Contract Review Board (PCRB) Rules and Administrative Procedures CON-1 and PUR-1 to define its procurement and contracting processes within the constraints of ORS requirements.

Revenue/Expense Detail

	Proposed General Fund	Proposed Other Funds	Proposed General Fund	Proposed Other Funds
Program Expenses	2013	2013	2014	2014
Personnel	\$1,773,469	\$0	\$1,865,452	\$0
Contracts	\$49,000	\$0	\$49,103	\$0
Materials & Supplies	\$78,910	\$0	\$77,503	\$0
Total GF/non-GF:	\$1,901,379	\$0	\$1,992,058	\$0
Program Total:	\$1,901,379		\$1,992,058	
Program FTE	18.00	0.00	18.00	0.00
Program Revenues				
Fees, Permits & Charges	\$2,000	\$0	\$2,000	\$0
Total Revenue:	\$2,000	\$0	\$2,000	\$0

Explanation of Revenues

This program is supported by General Fund revenues.

External revenues are generated primarily when fees are collected for services performed in response to public records requests.

Significant Program Changes

Last year this program was: #72006, FRM Purchasing