

Lead Agency: Citizen Involvement

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Program Offer Type: Existing Operating

Related Programs:

Program Characteristics: In Target

Executive Summary

A community of involved citizens is fundamental to building trust and accountability in Multnomah County governance. This offer provides the resources for the Citizen Involvement Committee (CIC), through its Office of Citizen Involvement (OCI), to energetically pursue this goal.

Program Description

The CIC maintains a publicly-accessible office providing a clearinghouse for information about and entry into a bevy of county citizen opportunities. The CIC provides ongoing independent assessment of citizen participation opportunities; identifies and works to remove barriers to participation through live forums, Departmental Reviews, and Diversity Outreach trainings; advocates in partnership with other governmental and non-governmental organizations for citizen involvement in policy and decision-making; coordinates independent Citizen Budget Advisory Committees (CBACs); implements the citizen-driven Dedicated Fund Review; and recognizes the dedication of county's volunteers by hosting the annual Volunteer Awards Ceremony for all county departments. The CIC and OCI provide direct citizen voice into program development and direction early in decision-making processes and convey citizen input to officials and departments through reports, recommendations, meetings. This maximizes the value of citizen input, giving citizens a greater sense of ownership in the process.

This offer supports county accountability strategies in multiple ways by: 1) Fostering and supporting actively engaged communities of citizens working with the county; 2) Enhancing the public's awareness of county operations and providing venues for citizen contribution to program development and direction, including live forums and online surveys; 3) Focusing efforts on seeking out and engaging underrepresented communities, including maintaining a Spanish-language version of the CIC website; 4) Providing citizens a single entry point for involvement information; 5) Regularly updating its websites, database & publications with current volunteer opportunities; and 6) Creating consistent protocol for citizen involvement activities. This offer ensures the resources necessary to: maintain a centralized and current database of volunteers and interested citizens; maintain an up-to-date bilingual website listing volunteer information and opportunities; create consistent expectations and processes for citizen involvement activities; expand training and support of county volunteers and staff; and increase community outreach, especially to underrepresented communities who do not normally participate in county government, through online and real-time opportunities

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	database of volunteers is current and available at all times	100.0%	100.0%	100.0%	100.0%
Outcome	percentage of participants in activities who felt time was well spent	96.0%	95.0%	98.0%	90.0%
Output	substantive response to citizen emails, calls, concerns within 3 working days	100.0%	95.0%	100.0%	95.0%
Output	new citizen involvement opportunities are publicized within 3 working days	95.0%	90.0%	95.0%	90.0%

Performance Measure - Description

The performance measures for this program offer essential measurements of efforts to notify and educate the public about the county and citizen involvement opportunities. OCI's enhanced use of our webpages, social media accounts, online volunteer database, and live recruitment in the community increases the public's knowledge of and likely participation with county citizen involvement opportunities.

Legal/Contractual Obligation

Chapter Re: Chapter 3.75 Multnomah County Home Rule Charter; Resolution 8-86, Resolution 95-245, Multnomah County Code 2.30.640; 3.30-3.306 1. The County Charter states that the commission "shall appropriate sufficient funds for the operation of the office and the committee".

Revenue/Expense Detail

	Proposed General Fund	Proposed Other Funds	Proposed General Fund	Proposed Other Funds
Program Expenses	2013	2013	2014	2014
Personnel	\$166,344	\$0	\$177,345	\$0
Materials & Supplies	\$11,888	\$0	\$10,851	\$0
Internal Services	\$40,575	\$0	\$41,785	\$0
Total GF/non-GF:	\$218,807	\$0	\$229,981	\$0
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Program FTE	2.00	0.00	2.00	0.00
Program Revenues				
Total Revenue:	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0

Explanation of Revenues

This is a General Fund program.

Significant Program Changes

Last year this program was: #10016, Citizen Involvement Committee

The CIC, through the Office of Citizen Involvement, is engaged in pro-active work with county officers, county employees and the larger community to enhance the understanding and acceptance of the value of active citizen participation in county governance. This has been and remains the core mission of CIC. Activities such as live topical forums, online surveys, the Spanish website, Travelling Recruitment Campaign, a sub committee focused on outreach and diversity issues, and the development of additional resources for advisory committee staff have expanded CIC partnerships throughout the county community.