

**Program #10018D - Resilience Hub East County** FY 2024 Adopted

**Department:** Nondepartmental      **Program Contact:** John Wasitutynski  
**Program Offer Type:** New      **Program Offer Stage:** Adopted  
**Related Programs:**  
**Program Characteristics:** One-Time-Only Request

**Executive Summary**

This program builds off of the feasibility planning that was funded in FY 2023 to enhance community resilience in East Multnomah County (“East County”). This program will support implementation of priority recommendations produced by the East County Resilience Network (ECRN) to strengthen East County’s ability to prepare for, respond to and recover from natural hazard risks, such as severe weather and wildfire fueled by climate change, or the eventual Cascadia Subduction Zone (CSZ) earthquake. This program will provide funding to augment a County-owned building located in Gresham with resilient infrastructure; continue building capacity in community based organizations (CBOs) active in the ECRM; and fund CBOs serving East County to participate in the Office of Sustainability’s Climate Justice Plan development.

**Program Description**

Multnomah County is threatened by natural hazards that pose a severe risk including the eventual CSZ earthquake and seasonal natural hazards that are being made worse by global heating, such as wildfire, wildfire smoke, extreme heat, and severe winter storms. Resilience is connected to physical infrastructure, social cohesion, socio-economic status and income. East County is lower income, has fewer social services and emergency response resources, less access to transit, and other barriers which inhibit the community’s resilience. Gentrification and exclusionary policies have forced lower income households, and households of color, into East County. In response to these patterns, the County aims to continue increasing services in East County and to help fortify infrastructure in light of natural hazards. A “Resilience-Hub” (“Hub”) can support community resilience through connection to services, enhanced social cohesion, and by serving as a disaster recovery node.

This project will build off of work completed in FY 2022 and FY 2023, and will begin the first phase of implementation of a pilot Hub in East County. The pilot Hub will be located at the Cook Plaza building, which was purchased by the Joint Office of Homeless Services to be a resource center for community members experiencing homelessness, who are among the most vulnerable in the face of natural disasters. This program will provide funding for capital improvements to Cook Plaza to support access to electricity in the event of a prolonged power outage, as recommended in a Resilience Hub feasibility study conducted by a contractor. Access to power is a critical resource during a crisis event as it provides cooling/heating, power for medical devices, connection to telecommunications, and refrigeration.

This project will also provide funding to continue building capacity for CBOs participating in the East County Community Resilience Network by providing translation services of emergency preparedness resources, holding engagement summits focused on community resilience, and exploring the integration of best practices for emergency preparedness. Lastly, this program will support the participation of organizations that serve the unique needs of East County in the Office of Sustainability’s Climate Justice by Design process, which will serve as a critical part of the County’s plan for climate action.

**Performance Measures**

Measure Type	Primary Measure	FY22 Actual	FY23 Budgeted	FY23 Estimate	FY24 Offer
Output	Resilience Summits held	N/A	N/A	N/A	2
Outcome	Community-based organizations engaged in resilience building activities	N/A	N/A	N/A	10
Output	Capital improvements made	N/A	N/A	N/A	1

**Performance Measures Descriptions**

- 1) Resilience Summits with coalition of community organizations (2 per year)
- 2) Community-based organizations engaged in resilience building activities, such as the Resilience Summits
- 3) Capital improvement made to Cook Plaza to support emergency power (as specified by architectural assessment)

Revenue/Expense Detail

	Adopted General Fund	Adopted Other Funds	Adopted General Fund	Adopted Other Funds
	2023	2023	2024	2024
<b>Program Expenses</b>				
Contractual Services	\$0	\$0	\$250,000	\$0
<b>Total GF/non-GF</b>	<b>\$0</b>	<b>\$0</b>	<b>\$250,000</b>	<b>\$0</b>
<b>Program Total:</b>	<b>\$0</b>		<b>\$250,000</b>	
<b>Program FTE</b>	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00

Program Revenues				
<b>Total Revenue</b>	<b>\$0</b>	<b>\$0</b>	<b>\$0</b>	<b>\$0</b>

Explanation of Revenues

Significant Program Changes

**Last Year this program was:** FY 2023: 10018D Supporting Community Resilience in East County

This program builds off the work completed in the following FY 2023 program offers:  
 10018D - Supporting Community Resilience in East County (one-time-only)  
 25157 - YFS East Multnomah Resilience Hub (one-time-only)