

Program #10019 - Oregon State University Extension
FY 2026 Adopted
Department: Nondepartmental

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Program Offer Type: Operating

Program Offer Stage: Adopted

Related Programs:
Program Characteristics: New Request

Program Description

Oregon State University (OSU) Extension Service will partner with Feed'em Freedom Foundation to deliver a "Reading the Farm and Food Hub" workshop in Gresham. This one-day, whole-farm assessment will bring together farmers, OSU Extension educators, and technical specialists to collaboratively design a long-term plan for the operational success and resilience of the site. The goal is to support sustainable food production, infrastructure development, and land stewardship practices that are community-informed and culturally relevant.

OSU Extension will also support the development and implementation of workforce training curricula that reflect community-identified priorities. Topics may include high tunnel construction, greenhouse operations, irrigation system design, and peer-led training models. Hands-on demonstrations, such as high tunnel assembly and irrigation layout that meets Natural Resources Conservation Service (NRCS) standards, will serve as pilot opportunities to develop toolkits and instructional materials for future use.

Additionally, OSU Extension will provide soil and water testing services at the site and collaborate with partners to interpret results and co-create a site preparation and improvement plan. These services may be offered to additional Multnomah County growers as capacity and resources allow. A strong emphasis will be placed on building inclusive and trust-based engagement with culturally specific and immigrant farmers.

Anticipated Outcomes

- A completed "Reading the Farm and Food Hub" whole-site assessment report and action plan
- Development of culturally responsive workforce training materials
- Demonstration installations of greenhouse and irrigation systems
- Delivery of at least one hands-on training workshop for local growers
- Technical guidance reports and instructional video content
- Strengthened partnerships with culturally specific farming and food systems organizations
- Baseline data on soil and water conditions for improved land management
- Inclusive participation of BIPOC and immigrant farmers

Performance Measures

Measure Type	Performance Measure	FY24 Actual	FY25 Budgeted	FY25 Estimate	FY26 Target
Output	Connections with farmers with specialists, arrange visits, support workshops	N/A	N/A	N/A	392 hours
Output	Plant tissue samples	N/A	N/A	N/A	50
Output	Soil testing and diagnosis	N/A	N/A	N/A	25

Performance Measures Descriptions

Revenue/Expense Detail

	Adopted General Fund	Adopted Other Funds	Adopted General Fund	Adopted Other Funds
	2025	2025	2026	2026
Program Expenses				
Contractual Services	\$0	\$0	\$40,000	\$0
Total GF/non-GF	\$0	\$0	\$40,000	\$0
Program Total:	\$0		\$40,000	
Program FTE	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00

Program Revenues				
Total Revenue	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0

Explanation of Revenues

Significant Program Changes

Last Year this program was:

This program was added by Board Amendment # 21.