

Division: Nondepartmental - All Other

Program Characteristics:

Program Description

In fiscal year 2027, Commissioner Jones-Dixon's office will set the foundation and begin building a sustainable food and agriculture system in Multnomah County with long-term expected outcomes including (1) increased access to healthy, local foods, (2) improved health outcomes, (3) opportunities for jobs and income, and (4) increased economic activity via agritourism in District 4 and District 1. This is a first step, in partnership and alignment with the County's Health and Sustainability Departments, toward the goal that food and agriculture nourish and enrich East Multnomah County.

District 4 will partner with Oregon State University (OSU) Extension to convene a table of agriculture, food, economic development, and community interest-holders and facilitate a series of meetings to ask and answer key questions that explore how we bring about the outcomes sought. District 4 will follow up with a presentation to the Board with recommendations that leverage the County's rich agricultural land to address hunger, improve health, build a thriving and innovative agricultural workforce and food ecosystem, and grow jobs and the local economy. Deliverables for this portion of the work are expected to include a interest-holder coordination and food hub systems assessment, regional agricultural needs brief, food systems and workforce landscape summary, strategic action memo with 12-24 month implementation roadmap, operational resilience planning, outcome metrics and end-of-year impact report.

In addition, OSU Extension will provide ongoing education and technical assistance throughout the year to farmers and food business owners across the county. This may include farmer education workshops, individual farm technical assistance, vendor readiness education series, individual business consultations and retail pathway toolkits.

Equity Statement

By targeting food and agricultural investments in regions with the lowest wages and shortest life expectancy, we directly address systemic disparities in community health and economic stability.

Revenue/Expense Detail

	2026 General Fund	2026 Other Funds	2027 General Fund	2027 Other Funds
Contractual Services	\$40,000	\$0	\$150,000	\$0
Total GF/non-GF	\$40,000	\$0	\$150,000	\$0
Total Expenses:	\$40,000		\$150,000	
Program FTE	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
Total Revenue	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0

Performance Measures

Performance Measure	FY25 Actual	FY26 Estimate	FY27 Target
Series of meetings convened and recommendations presented to the Board.	N/A	N/A	Complete
Technical assistance delivered.	N/A	N/A	Complete