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Program Offer Type: Existing Operating Program **Program Offer Stage:** As Adopted
Related Programs:
Program Characteristics:

Executive Summary

The Oregon Historical Society (OHS) is a private not-for-profit entity founded in 1898. Since 1899, it has received appropriations from (1) state government (except 2002-6) in recognition of its operation of the state history museum and a large Oregon history research library; and (2) Multnomah County (\$335k per year, 1999-2003) as a participant in the county library levy. Passage of special purpose levy 26-118 in November 2010 provides for levy support at the rate of \$0.05 per thousand of assessed value.

Program Summary

OHS operates the Oregon History Museum, the Davies Family Research Library, and educational programs for adults, families and school groups (and also serves as the Multnomah County history repository). After nearly a decade of cuts in appropriations, programs, and service hours, the levy funding (which started in 2011) has provided basic operational support, as well as funding to underwrite the improved hours of service in the library, free admission to residents of Multnomah County and all Oregon school groups, improved collections development and care, and new and exciting programming. OHS is committed to serving the diverse communities of the region and the state, and reflects that commitment in every aspect of its operations.

Four east county historical societies of Fairview-Rockwood-Wilkes (renamed East County Historical Organization – ECHO), Gresham, Troutdale and Crown Point Country will together receive \$150,000 per year from the levy proceeds. The levy allocates the balance, estimated at \$2,172,330 in FY 2015/2016, to the Oregon Historical Society for its programs and operations.

The levy has provided basic operational support and has certainly increased OHS's public services. The library has been open 32 hours a week since the levy funding went into effect in July 2011, and has served an additional 92% of patrons. Due to the levy funding, the increased public programs are reaching more Oregonians than ever and OHS has had the ability to enhance collections care and display more of Oregon's treasures.

Performance Measures

Measure Type	Primary Measure	FY15 Actual	FY16 Purchased	FY16 Estimate	FY17 Offer
Output	Multnomah County citizens admitted free of charge.	23,109	22,140	27,067	22,800
Outcome	Improved library hours per week	32	32	32	32
Output	Increased number of public programs	227	227	226	227
Quality	Care of Collections through additional curator/registrar	2	1	4	1

Performance Measures Descriptions

In 2015, WWII: A World at War, A State Transformed exhibit opened to rave reviews, which has helped increase Multnomah County residence visits by 87% since 2011.

Legal / Contractual Obligation

Measure 26-118 provides the Oregon Historical Society with a five-year property tax levy at the rate of \$0.05 per thousand dollars of assessed value. Four east county historical societies (Fairview-Rockwood-Wilkes, Gresham, Troutdale, and Crown Point Country) will together receive \$150,000 per year from the levy proceeds.

FY 2016 is the fifth year of the five-year local option levy. The program offer assumes the local option levy will be renewed into FY 2017.

Revenue/Expense Detail

	Proposed General Fund	Proposed Other Funds	Proposed General Fund	Proposed Other Funds
Program Expenses	2016	2016	2017	2017
Contractual Services	\$0	\$2,114,643	\$0	\$2,596,778
Internal Services	\$0	\$7,500	\$0	\$7,500
Total GF/non-GF	\$0	\$2,122,143	\$0	\$2,604,278
Program Total:	\$2,122,143		\$2,604,278	
Program FTE	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00

Program Revenues				
Taxes	\$0	\$2,107,075	\$0	\$2,584,788
Interest	\$0	\$3,000	\$0	\$3,000
Beginning Working Capital	\$0	\$12,068	\$0	\$16,490
Total Revenue	\$0	\$2,122,143	\$0	\$2,604,278

Explanation of Revenues

This is a dedicated local option property tax levy collected by Multnomah County on behalf of the Oregon Historical Society (OHS). OHS receives no other County funding.

Significant Program Changes

Last Year this program was: FY 2016: 10023-16 OHS Local Option Levy

The existing five year local option level is set to end in fiscal year 2016. This program offer assumes the local option levy will be renewed beyond the current year.