



Program #40002 - Tri-County Health Officer FY 2024 Department Requested

Department: Health Department **Program Contact:** Jennifer Vines
Program Offer Type: Existing **Program Offer Stage:** Department Requested
Related Programs: 40199E
Program Characteristics: In Target

Executive Summary

The Multnomah County Health Officer serves as the lead Health Officer for the three-county metro region, providing overall physician supervision and alignment to three other full-time health officers, one in each county. In addition to being one of the few regional public health staff, the Health Officer oversees the entirety of the County’s Emergency Medical Services Program, the Public Health Emergency Preparedness Program, and routinely serves as the primary physician ambassador to regional health systems and Coordinated Care Organizations particularly in relation to emerging health threats that require a coordinated response.

The Multnomah County Health Officers provide physician authorization and clinical oversight for the full scope of Community

Program Description

The Washington County contract funds their full-time health officer and a small portion of FTE for the Multnomah County Health Officer to cover supervisory and regional duties.

Clackamas County similarly funds a small portion of FTE for the Multnomah County Health Officer.

Until the COVID-19 pandemic, total health officer FTE in Multnomah County had not changed in decades despite a growing population and increasing complexity of public health events, including but not limited to: measles, Ebola, extreme cold/heat, poor air quality, and the drug overdose crisis.

Performance Measures

Measure Type	Primary Measure	FY22 Actual	FY23 Budgeted	FY23 Estimate	FY24 Offer
Output	Contract deliverables are met by the end of fiscal year.	90%	90%	90%	90%
Outcome	County stakeholders express satisfaction in program delivery and results.	100%	100%	100%	100%

Performance Measures Descriptions

Legal / Contractual Obligation

ORS 431.418 requires counties to employ or contract with a physician to serve as County Health Officer. Intergovernmental agreements with Clackamas and Washington counties specify Health Officer services that Multnomah County is required to provide as well as expected outcomes and evaluation measures.

Revenue/Expense Detail

	Adopted General Fund	Adopted Other Funds	Department Requested General Fund	Department Requested Other Funds
Program Expenses	2023	2023	2024	2024
Personnel	\$412,802	\$651,248	\$435,451	\$361,088
Contractual Services	\$0	\$264,972	\$0	\$0
Materials & Supplies	\$7,506	\$36,139	\$0	\$10,308
Internal Services	\$72,727	\$109,155	\$96,201	\$50,444
Total GF/non-GF	\$493,035	\$1,061,514	\$531,652	\$421,840
Program Total:	\$1,554,549		\$953,492	
Program FTE	0.99	1.16	0.99	0.95

Program Revenues				
Intergovernmental	\$0	\$1,061,514	\$0	\$421,840
Total Revenue	\$0	\$1,061,514	\$0	\$421,840

Explanation of Revenues

This program generates \$50,444 in indirect revenues. Clackamas and Washington counties meet their ORS 431.418 requirements for health officer services through intergovernmental agreements (IGA) with Multnomah County. The Tri-County Health Officer is funded by

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\$ 41,840 - Tri-County Health Officer Clackamas County
\$ 380,000 - Tri-County Health Officer Washington County

Significant Program Changes

Last Year this program was: FY 2023: 40002 Tri-County Health Officer

The Multnomah County Health Officer FTE increased from 0.90 FTE to 1.00 FTE starting in 2020 and has remained at the level throughout the pandemic. Multnomah County added an additional Health Officer position in FY 2023 using American Rescue Plan (ARP) funds, which increased the total number of Health Officers from two to three. Maintaining this additional Health Officer is key to providing timely, expert public health leadership and closing service gaps for underserved communities in the short-term, for example as medical leadership for public health immunization services and treating individuals with active tuberculosis. In the intermediate and long term, this change is key to recruitment and retention of public health physicians into these demanding, high complexity positions.