



Program #72000B - County Charter Amendment Implementation FY 2024 Department Requested

Department: County Management **Program Contact:** Serena Cruz
Program Offer Type: New **Program Offer Stage:** Department Requested
Related Programs:
Program Characteristics: One-Time-Only Request, Out of Target

Executive Summary

The Multnomah County Home Rule Charter provides that every six years, a Charter Review Committee (MCCRC) will be convened for the purpose of making a comprehensive study of the Charter. The Committee meets for 18 months, and then provides a report at least 95 days before the election. The Charter is the local version of a constitution, essentially creating the structure of Multnomah County government. In November 2022, six Charter Amendments were sent to and approved by the voters. Multnomah County is required to ensure the implementation of the six Charter Amendments. This program will provide one-time-only funding for one Limited Duration (LDA) Management Analyst within the COO/DCM Director's team to coordinate this work and support policy implementation.

Program Description

This position will coordinate the work by identifying for each of the measures the current state and what charter reform is needed based on the new measures, possible code revisions and/or additions. By collaborating with a project team, the project manager will develop, communicate and ensure adherence to a timeline for implementation. The six measures include:

- Measure 26-230, Replace Charter Language with Gender Neutral, Terms Amendment
- Measure 26-232, Ranked-Choice Voting for County Elections Amendment
- Measure 26-233, Require County Commissioner Inspection of Jails Amendment
- Measure 26-234, Authorize County Auditor's Office to Investigate County Administration Amendment,
- Measure 26-235, Add Right to Audit Clause Amendment
- Measure 26-236, Changes to Charter Review Committee Amendment

While we are required to implement these charter changes, there are many equity values that underlie the policies, procedures and programs that are a part of this project. Rank choice voting, utilizing gender neutral language in the County Charter, establishing additional transparency through jail inspections and an ombudsman are all strategies that further equity and inclusion.

Performance Measures

Measure Type	Primary Measure	FY22 Actual	FY23 Budgeted	FY23 Estimate	FY24 Offer
Output	Number of code revisions	N/A	N/A	N/A	13
Outcome	Complete a project implementation plan and timeline	N/A	N/A	N/A	100%

Performance Measures Descriptions

The County is required to implement all charter amendments within the timeline set for each measure. Upon initial analysis it is estimated that fully implementing the measures will require 13 code revisions.

Legal / Contractual Obligation

Multnomah County is governed by the Multnomah County Home Rule Charter. The Charter Review Commission is authorized under Chapter XII. Miscellaneous 12.30. Charter Review Committee.

Revenue/Expense Detail

	Adopted General Fund	Adopted Other Funds	Department Requested General Fund	Department Requested Other Funds
Program Expenses	2023	2023	2024	2024
Personnel	\$0	\$0	\$185,790	\$0
Materials & Supplies	\$0	\$0	\$4,210	\$0
Total GF/non-GF	\$0	\$0	\$190,000	\$0
Program Total:	\$0		\$190,000	
Program FTE	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00

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

Explanation of Revenues

This program is funded by one-time-only General Fund revenues

Significant Program Changes

Last Year this program was: