



**Program #90010E - Elections - Special Elections** FY 2024 Proposed

**Department:** Community Services **Program Contact:** Tim Scott  
**Program Offer Type:** Existing **Program Offer Stage:** Proposed  
**Related Programs:** 90010A  
**Program Characteristics:** One-Time-Only Request

**Executive Summary**

There is the possibility for Multnomah County to be required to conduct two special elections annually. This program offer provides funding for the Elections Division to administer these elections, should they be required. Each of the two possible special elections is funded by \$350,000 for a total of \$700,000.

**Program Description**

Oregon statutes specify four election dates every calendar year. Those dates are the 2nd Tuesday in March, the 3rd Tuesday in May, the 4th Tuesday in August, and the 1st Tuesday after the first Monday in November. During odd years, the May Special Election is the only election with candidate positions scheduled. During even years, the May Primary and November General are the only elections with candidate positions scheduled. Ballot Measure referrals can be placed on any of the four scheduled election dates.

Program offer 90010A provides funding for the November and May election dates because those are when most jurisdictions hold elections in Oregon and when the Primary and General election are conducted. This program offer provides funding for any elections that the Multnomah County Elections Division would be required to conduct in August or March.

The August and March election dates are for conducting special elections. A special election is an election scheduled on an election date other than the usual date for the jurisdiction to elect officers. Special elections are often called to fill a vacancy in an elective office or for jurisdictions to refer a ballot measure to voters. Under Oregon law, any jurisdiction that holds a special election in August or March is required to reimburse the county for the costs incurred to conduct the election.

**Performance Measures**

Measure Type	Primary Measure	FY22 Actual	FY23 Budgeted	FY23 Estimate	FY24 Offer
Output	Number of special elections funded	0	0	0	2
Outcome					

**Performance Measures Descriptions**

The Output measure is for the number of special elections that would be funded by this program offer should the county be required to conduct special elections on either the March or August special election dates.

## Legal / Contractual Obligation

County Code of Ordinances, Chapter 5, addresses initiative/referendum petition process and filling county office vacancies. County Administrative Rules, Language, Communication and Cultural Access Policy, Oregon Administrative Rules, Chapter 165, addresses uniformity in conduct of elections. Oregon Revised Statutes, Chapters 246 to 260, provide authority for conducting elections. Federal Title VI of the Civil Rights Act, the Voting Rights Act, National Voter Registration Act, Help America Vote Act, and Military and Overseas Empowerment Act establish election administration standards.

## Revenue/Expense Detail

	Adopted General Fund	Adopted Other Funds	Proposed General Fund	Proposed Other Funds
Program Expenses	2023	2023	2024	2024
Personnel	\$0	\$0	\$130,000	\$0
Contractual Services	\$0	\$0	\$430,000	\$0
Materials & Supplies	\$0	\$0	\$140,000	\$0
<b>Total GF/non-GF</b>	<b>\$0</b>	<b>\$0</b>	<b>\$700,000</b>	<b>\$0</b>
<b>Program Total:</b>	<b>\$0</b>		<b>\$700,000</b>	
<b>Program FTE</b>	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00

Program Revenues				
Service Charges	\$0	\$0	\$700,000	\$0
<b>Total Revenue</b>	<b>\$0</b>	<b>\$0</b>	<b>\$700,000</b>	<b>\$0</b>

## Explanation of Revenues

The special elections funded by this program offer would be conducted on election dates that would allow the county to seek full reimbursement from the jurisdictions that called elections on those dates.

## Significant Program Changes

### Last Year this program was:

In previous fiscal years, the special elections funds were included in program offer 90010A. In FY 2024, it will become a stand alone program offer.