



**Program #40002 - Tri-County Health Officer** FY 2024 Adopted

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

**Executive Summary**

The Multnomah County Health Officer serves as the lead Health Officer for the three-county metro region, providing overall physician supervision and regional 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 provides executive level oversight to the County's Emergency Medical Services Program, the Medical Examiners 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.

**Program Description**

The Multnomah County Health Officers provide physician authorization and clinical oversight for the full scope of Communicable Disease Services, including the Sexually Transmitted Disease Clinic, tuberculosis diagnosis and treatment, and many other types of outbreaks. They close gaps in services, recent examples include COVID-19 testing and vaccination, naloxone availability, and rapid HIV testing. Working in concert with community-based staff and programs, the Multnomah County Health Officers extend the reach of public health interventions to those disproportionately affected by specific health threats. They also offer a unique perspective in the realm of local and state health policy that is prevention-focused and equity-based.

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 to cover regional duties.

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	Adopted General Fund	Adopted 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
<b>Total GF/non-GF</b>	<b>\$493,035</b>	<b>\$1,061,514</b>	<b>\$531,652</b>	<b>\$421,840</b>
<b>Program Total:</b>	<b>\$1,554,549</b>		<b>\$953,492</b>	
<b>Program FTE</b>	0.99	1.16	0.99	0.95

Program Revenues				
Intergovernmental	\$0	\$1,061,514	\$0	\$421,840
<b>Total Revenue</b>	<b>\$0</b>	<b>\$1,061,514</b>	<b>\$0</b>	<b>\$421,840</b>

## 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:

\$ 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 additional Health Officer position and capacity in FY 2023 using American Rescue Plan (ARP) funds, which increased the total number of Health Officers from two to three. Washington County has a reduction in FY24 which will reduce both the revenue and the Washington County Health Officer FTE from 1.0 down to 0.8 FTE. Multnomah likewise will see a reduction of Multnomah County funded Health officer time back to the pre pandemic coverage level of 0.9 FTE. The Health Officer program will see a reduction of 1.1 FTE in FY24 due to loss of the ARPA funded Health Officer 0.8 FTE, reduction of Washington County's Health Officer 0.2 FTE, and the reduction of the Multnomah County Health Officer 0.1 FTE.