

Program #10008 - County Attorney's Office

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FY 2025 Proposed

Department: Nondepartmental

Program Offer Type: Operating Program Offer Stage: Proposed

Related Programs:

Program Characteristics:

Executive Summary

The mission of the Office of County Attorney is to provide the highest quality and cost effective legal advice and representation. The Office reviews and advises on the legal aspects of County government operation, defends claims against the County and employees acting in their official capacity, and assists with Federal, State, and County legal requirements. The Office houses the County's Privacy Officer and related Privacy Program. The County Attorney collaborates with Risk Management, provides legal training and advice before legal issues become legal problems.

Program Description

The Office of County Attorney prepares and reviews legal documents including contracts, Ordinances, Resolutions, Board Orders, Executive Rules, Administrative Procedures, and other legal instruments. It provides legal advice and counsel to the Board of County Commissioners, County elected officials, County Departments and Offices, Advisory Boards, Districts, and Commissions. The Office of County Attorney prepares formal written opinions as deemed necessary by the County Attorney regarding significant interpretations of federal and state laws, the County Charter and Code, and other legal requirements. The Office controls and supervises all civil actions and legal proceedings where the County is a party or has a legal interest. The Office represents and defends any legal action, matter, or proceedings in any court or tribunal and as requested by the Board.

Performance Measures								
Measure Type	Performance Measure	FY23 Actual	FY24 Budgeted	FY24 Estimate	FY25 Target			
Output	County Attorney Direct Service Hours	25,000	25,000	25,349	25,000			
Outcome	Percentage of County Attorney Time Dedicated to Direct Client Services	95%	95%	96%	95%			
Input	Number of Tort Claims Received	200	210	177	190			

Performance Measures Descriptions

Legal / Contractual Obligation

The role and duties of the County Attorney are set forth in Multnomah County Code Chapter 25.

Revenue/Expense Detail

	Adopted General Fund	Adopted Other Funds	Proposed General Fund	Proposed Other Funds
Program Expenses	2024	2024	2025	2025
Personnel	\$0	\$6,731,389	\$0	\$7,101,241
Contractual Services	\$0	\$312,230	\$0	\$323,790
Materials & Supplies	\$0	\$242,910	\$0	\$251,921
Internal Services	\$0	\$598,591	\$0	\$616,718
Total GF/non-GF	\$0	\$7,885,120	\$0	\$8,293,670
Program Total:	\$7,88	5,120	\$8,293,670	
Program FTE	0.00	25.00	0.00	25.00

Program Revenues							
Other / Miscellaneous	\$0	\$7,885,120	\$0	\$8,293,670			
Total Revenue	\$0	\$7,885,120	\$0	\$8,293,670			

Explanation of Revenues

Funding for the Office of County Attorney is generated through a portion of the liability insurance rate on County payroll expenses.

Significant Program Changes

Last Year this program was: FY 2024: 10008 County Attorney's Office