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Program Offer Type: Innovative/New Program **Program Offer Stage:** As Requested
Related Programs:
Program Characteristics: One-Time-Only Request, Out of Target

Executive Summary

Homes that are safe, comfortable and energy efficient contribute to the health and economic stability of households in Multnomah County. Safe homes are all the more important during extreme heat events, like in Summer 2021, when over 60 people in the county died. The Cooling Supports Program provides portable air conditioners to people who have a hard time getting them because they don't have the money, transportation or help from their landlord to do so. It also will give cooling kits to 8,000 - 10,000 people who have emergency needs during a heat wave.

Program Summary

ISSUE: In the heat wave in Summer 2021, lack of air conditioning was a main reason for deaths in Multnomah County. The heat hit people with low incomes the hardest, especially older people. There were 64 deaths due to heat in the county. Many of these deaths could have been prevented. People who suffered the most were those who didn't have air conditioning in their homes or a cool place to go. High temperatures and heat events are likely to only get worse over time. To prevent future deaths and other serious health problems, we need to act.

PROGRAM GOAL: Prevent deaths and serious health problems for people who live in the east part of the county and who don't have ways to stay cool during high temperatures.

PROGRAM ACTIVITY: This program will get portable air conditioners to 1,000 people in East County and 8,000-10,000 cooling kits to people who have emergency needs during a heat wave. East County was chosen for the air conditioning part of this program for 3 reasons. 1) the City of Portland has a similar project already underway, 2) many people of color have had to move to east county in order to find less expensive housing and 3) maps of temperatures across the county show East County to have many of the hottest neighborhoods in the county. Air conditioners will be for people who have low incomes and the program will especially reach out to communities of color.

Cooling kits will be available to anyone in the county who has a need for them. Last year the kits included: a reusable bag with a water bottle, cooling towel, hand held fan, gatorade packets, chapstick, and information on how to stay cool (in multiple languages). This year the program will work with Environmental Health to put even more items that help people stay cool into the kits.

In addition to buying the air conditioners and supplies for kits, the program includes 2.0 FTE to build and carry out the program. This program will work with the City of Portland's new effort to give portable air conditioners to people.

Performance Measures

Measure Type	Primary Measure	FY21 Actual	FY22 Budgeted	FY22 Estimate	FY23 Offer
Output	# of portable air conditioners distributed	NA	NA	NA	1000
Outcome	Cooling supports project plan completed and implemented	NA	NA	NA	100%

Performance Measures Descriptions

Revenue/Expense Detail

	Adopted General Fund	Adopted Other Funds	Requested General Fund	Requested Other Funds
Program Expenses	2022	2022	2023	2023
Personnel	\$0	\$0	\$218,118	\$0
Contractual Services	\$0	\$0	\$1,052,622	\$0
Total GF/non-GF	\$0	\$0	\$1,270,740	\$0
Program Total:	\$0		\$1,270,740	
Program FTE	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00

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

Explanation of Revenues

Significant Program Changes

Last Year this program was: