

Program #40007 - Health Inspections and Education

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Department: Program Offer Type: Existing Operating Program Program Offer Stage: As Adopted

Related Programs: 40008A, 40037

Program Characteristics:

Executive Summary

This fee-supported program helps protect the public from disease and injury by investigating food and waterborne disease. educating about food safety practices, and performing inspections of over 4,000 licensed facilities. Participation in the FDA Program Standards helps us to align our program with national standards. The inspection program received an outstanding rating in the 2011 triennial review.

Program Summary

This legally mandated program protects the health and safety of the entire community by providing inspections, education, assuring safe food and water, controlling disease, improving safety in the work place and reducing unintentional injuries, as well as supporting other public health activities by incorporating prevention activities into the inspection process. The citizenry understands and expects the program functions. Inspected Facilities: The Health Inspections program has responsibility for assuring the health and safety in 4,246 facilities including restaurants, mobile restaurants, hotel/motels, RV parks, organizational camps, warehouses, commissaries, vending machines, and jails. Most facilities receive two inspections per year. Swimming pools & spas: The program inspects and licenses 557 pools/spas to ensure pools are safe from hazards and disease. Field and classroom technical training is provided to approximately 60 pool operators each year. Schools, Child and Adult Foster Care Facilities: The program inspects 853 schools, childcare centers, and other service providers to ensure they handle food properly, are clean and are free of health and safety hazards. Small Drinking Water Systems: There are 43 small water systems that are inspected every 3 to 5 years (dependent on the type of system) to ensure they are properly maintained and meet EPA water quality standards. There are also 12 additional systems which we monitor and respond to alerts. Foodborne Illness Outbreaks: Registered Environmental Health Specialists investigate local foodborne illness complaints in collaboration with the Communicable Disease Program and are key participants in emergency response. Multnomah County Environmental Health conducted 18 Foodborne Illness investigations (FBI) in food service facilities in the previous fiscal year. Food Handler Training and Certification: Multi-lingual training about safe food preparation in 7 languages is provided online and in person to food workers at all literacy levels to support health equity and entry into the workforce. Emergency contact information has been gathered for over 4,135 facilities which can be used in a RoboCalling system, A monthly newsletter/blog has over 2200 subscribers consisting of food operators, regulators, and community members. The program also deals extensively with local media, responding to inquiries regarding inspections, commenting on the risks around FBI investigations and providing information to the public on health and safety concerns.

Performance Measures								
Measure Type	Primary Measure	FY13 Actual	FY14 Purchased	FY14 Estimate	FY15 Offer			
Output	Number of licenses issued	6,905	6,610	7,365	8,682			
Outcome	Priority & Priority Foundation Violations	6,612	7,224	6,826	8,931			
Output	Facility inspections	12,168	14,258	14,880	14,508			
Output	Total number certified Food Workers eligible for employment	11,590	12,768	11,538	11,042			

Performance Measures Descriptions

- 1) Output: Licenses issued excludes facilities inspected but not licensed (ie. schools, day care centers, etc.)
- 2) Outcome: Priority and Priority Foundation violations are items noted during inspections that can directly affect the health and well being of the consumer, leading to elevated food safety risk and requiring immediate correction.

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Legal / Contractual Obligation

Legal mandates are 2009 FDA Food Code, 2012 OR Food Sanitation Rules; ORS Chapt. 30.890 (gleaning); ORS Chapt. 624; ORS Chapt. 448; MCC 21.612 (license fees); MCC Chapt. 5; MCC Chapt. 21 (Civil Penalty Ordinance); OR Dept. of Education Division 51 (Schools); OARS 581-051-0305; OARS Chapt. 333 (Licensed Programs); ORS 183 (Civil Penalty), ORS 164 (Food); ORS 700 (EHS License); ORS 414 (Childcare). OARS 333-018 Communicable Disease and Reporting 333-019 Communicable Disease Control.

Revenue/Expense Detail

	Proposed General Fund	Proposed Other Funds	Proposed General Fund	Proposed Other Funds
Program Expenses	2014	2014	2015	2015
Personnel	\$2,733,322	\$75,270	\$2,601,301	\$74,017
Contractual Services	\$243,303	\$3,000	\$317,530	\$9,282
Materials & Supplies	\$95,994	\$6,665	\$114,019	\$1,125
Internal Services	\$408,492	\$7,780	\$436,185	\$8,291
Total GF/non-GF	\$3,481,111	\$92,715	\$3,469,035	\$92,715
Program Total:	\$3,573,826		\$3,561,750	
Program FTE	27.02	0.72	25.33	0.72

Program Revenues							
Indirect for Dept. Admin	\$5,946	\$0	\$6,315	\$0			
Fees, Permits & Charges	\$3,312,358	\$0	\$3,336,417	\$0			
Intergovernmental	\$0	\$92,715	\$0	\$92,715			
Total Revenue	\$3,318,304	\$92,715	\$3,342,732	\$92,715			

Explanation of Revenues

Fees are set by ordinance. Refer to Chapter 21 MC Ordinance 08-140. Health Inspections and Education includes funding from a grant the US Food and Drug Administration for education on food safety.

Fed/State Drinking Water grant: \$22,715

FDA grant: \$70,000

Food Handler fees: \$107,000 Inspection fees: \$3,229,417

Significant Program Changes

Last Year this program was: 40007 Health Inspections and Education

On September 4, 2012, Oregon adopted the 2009 FDA Food Code with 12 new Priority/Priority Foundation rules. The new rules allowed a grace period, which ended July 1, 2013. We expect to see a significant increase in re-inspections due to these new rules in the next fiscal year, given that the grace period has ended.

Changes to the Government Entities exemption in the Oregon Food Sanitation Rules, as a result of Senate Bill 631, implemented January 1, 2014 will have impact on the number of licenses issued.

The Inspections database, FirstStar is being replaced with a new web-based program, Accela. It is expected to be fully implemented by late spring 2014.