

Program #40002 - Tri-County Health Officer

FY 2025 Department Requested

Department: Health Department Program Contact: Richard Bruno

Program Offer Type: Operating Program Offer Stage: Department Requested

Related Programs:

Program Characteristics: In Target

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.

Total health officer FTE in Multnomah County has 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	Performance Measure	FY23 Actual	FY24 Budgeted	FY24 Estimate	FY25 Target				
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	Department Requested General Fund	Department Requested Other Funds	
Program Expenses	2024	2024	2025	2025	
Personnel	\$435,451	\$361,088	\$726,211	\$345,737	
Materials & Supplies	\$0	\$10,308	\$48,446	\$10,308	
Internal Services	\$96,201	\$50,444	\$103,139	\$51,499	
Total GF/non-GF	\$531,652	\$421,840	\$877,796	\$407,544	
Program Total:	\$953	\$953,492		\$1,285,340	
Program FTE	0.99	0.95	1.07	0.87	

Program Revenues							
Intergovernmental	\$0	\$421,840	\$0	\$407,544			
Total Revenue	\$0	\$421,840	\$0	\$407,544			

Explanation of Revenues

This program generates \$51,499 in indirect revenues.

Washington county meets their ORS 431.418 requirements for health officer services through intergovernmental agreement (IGA) with Multnomah County. The Tri-County Health Officer is funded by:

\$ 407,544 - Tri-County Health Officer Washington County

Significant Program Changes

Last Year this program was: FY 2024: 40002 Tri-County Health Officer