

Program #40004B - Ambulance Service Plan Continuation
FY 2026 Proposed

Department: Health Department **Program Contact:** Aaron Monnig
Program Offer Type: Operating **Program Offer Stage:** Proposed
Related Programs: 40004
Program Characteristics: One-Time-Only Request

Program Description

State statute (ORS 682.062) directs counties to develop Ambulance Service Plans for all areas within their jurisdictional borders. An Ambulance Service Plan (ASP) specifies how the key features of the emergency medical services (EMS) system are structured within the county. Multnomah County is statutorily obligated to assess the County's ASP and, when significant changes occur, to revise the plan. This process of assessment, reviewing recommendations, and ultimately making revisions to the County ASP would result in a procurement for the services described in the plan.

Last reviewed and adopted in 2016, Multnomah County's ASP establishes that the County will have one contracted emergency ambulance service provider. In recent years, persistent issues with contract compliance, changes in the EMS landscape, and emerging proposals to alter fundamental elements of the County's ASP have given rise to a need to reassess our ASP.

In 2024, the County EMS Program recommended and began a comprehensive ASP assessment. This work requires both internal Health Department staff capacity, as well as an external consultant contractor with subject matter expertise in EMS systems. The assessment involves an in-depth review and recommendations by the external industry consultant, including stakeholder engagement with current jurisdictional partners, response agencies, healthcare partners, and existing ambulance service providers. This process is anticipated to result in policy recommendations delivered in early FY26 that will inform potential changes to current EMS system components. If revisions to the ASP are recommended, additional funding will be required in subsequent years to implement those changes.

Performance Measures

Measure Type	Performance Measure	FY24 Actual	FY25 Budgeted	FY25 Estimate	FY26 Target
Output	External consultant's written report on and recommendations for EMS service models	0	0	0	1
Outcome	Recommendations for maintaining, updating, editing, or revising the Multnomah County Ambulance Service Plan	0	0	0	1

Performance Measures Descriptions

The external consultant's report referenced in Measure 1 will be based on assessment, cost-benefit analysis, and feasibility assessment.

Legal / Contractual Obligation

ORS 682 requires counties to create ambulance service plans that meet the requirements of OAR 333-160. A contract with an external industry consultant was executed in 2024. Work includes all aspects of evaluation, recommendations, and assisting with implementation.

Revenue/Expense Detail

	Adopted General Fund	Adopted Other Funds	Proposed General Fund	Proposed Other Funds
Program Expenses	2025	2025	2026	2026
Personnel	\$0	\$0	\$192,000	\$0
Contractual Services	\$0	\$0	\$208,000	\$0
Total GF/non-GF	\$0	\$0	\$400,000	\$0
Program Total:	\$0		\$400,000	
Program FTE	0.00	0.00	1.00	0.00

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

Explanation of Revenues

Significant Program Changes

Last Year this program was: FY 2025: 40004B Ambulance Service Plan

Based on work completed in FY 2025, and the contract with the external consulting firm, the expenses for the work in FY 2026 will cost less than the work completed in FY 2025.