

**Department:** Health Department

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**Program Offer Type:** Operating

**Program Offer Stage:** Proposed

**Related Programs:** 40008, 40010A

**Program Characteristics:**
**Program Description**

Health Inspections and Education (HIE) is a legally mandated, fee-supported program that protects the public from disease and injury by investigating food and waterborne disease; educating about food safety practices; and performing inspections of licensed facilities. The program goal is to ensure the safety of inspected facilities. HIE protects the health and safety of the entire community by providing education, assuring safe food and water, controlling disease, improving workplace safety, and reducing unintentional injuries. HIE achieves these goals through the following functions:

Facility Inspection – Facilities include: 4,835 restaurants, mobile restaurants, hotel/motels, RV parks, organizational camps, warehouses, commissaries, vending machines, and jails; 457 pools/spas; 1,030 schools, childcare, adult foster care, and other service providers; and 50 small water systems (inspected every 3 to 5 years).

Foodborne Illness Outbreak Response and Complaints - Health inspectors investigate local foodborne illness in collaboration with Communicable Disease Services and are key participants in emergency response. HIE conducted 4 foodborne illnesses and 16 vibrio investigations in restaurants in the previous calendar year. In addition to those, the program tracked 189 reports of illness and 339 complaints.

Food Handler Training and Certification – HIE provides online and in-person training about safe food preparation in 17 languages to food workers at all literacy levels to support health equity and entry into the workforce.

The Food Service Advisory Committee, which consists of local food service industry representatives, County regulatory officials, consumers, educators, and dietitians, meets throughout the year to discuss program changes.

**Performance Measures**

Measure Type	Performance Measure	FY24 Actual	FY25 Budgeted	FY25 Estimate	FY26 Target
Output	Number of licenses issued	6,648	7,343	6,916	7,611
Outcome	Number of violations per year	13,757	8,338	13,792	14,301
Output	Facility Inspections	12,258	14,968	12,251	17,378
Output	Total number of certified Food Workers licensed by Multnomah County	15,926	14,450	16,189	16,504

**Performance Measures Descriptions**

1) Measure excludes facilities inspected but not licensed. 2) Facility Violations (violations that will lead to a food borne illness or injury) are items noted during inspections that can directly affect the health of the consumer and require immediate correction. 3) Facilities inspected on-site (e.g. restaurants, mobile units, etc.). 4) Number of people who completed certification in the given year.

## 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

	Adopted General Fund	Adopted Other Funds	Proposed General Fund	Proposed Other Funds
<b>Program Expenses</b>	<b>2025</b>	<b>2025</b>	<b>2026</b>	<b>2026</b>
Personnel	\$5,534,384	\$28,745	\$5,971,944	\$31,472
Contractual Services	\$503,857	\$0	\$514,919	\$0
Materials & Supplies	\$162,577	\$1,213	\$158,066	\$1,585
Internal Services	\$1,059,406	\$5,015	\$1,172,210	\$4,935
<b>Total GF/non-GF</b>	<b>\$7,260,224</b>	<b>\$34,973</b>	<b>\$7,817,139</b>	<b>\$37,992</b>
<b>Program Total:</b>	<b>\$7,295,197</b>		<b>\$7,855,131</b>	
<b>Program FTE</b>	37.46	0.19	37.95	0.20

<b>Program Revenues</b>				
Fees, Permits & Charges	\$6,083,783	\$0	\$7,833,551	\$0
Intergovernmental	\$0	\$34,973	\$0	\$37,992
<b>Total Revenue</b>	<b>\$6,083,783</b>	<b>\$34,973</b>	<b>\$7,833,551</b>	<b>\$37,992</b>

## Explanation of Revenues

This program generates \$4,935 in indirect revenues.

Multnomah County Environmental Health receives \$37,993 of support each year from the State of Oregon-Drinking Water Section. This level of support continues to stay consistent. Money received from the State is used to pay for staff who work in the drinking water program performing sanitary surveys and responding to alerts.

\$37,992 Safe Drinking Water  
\$159,925 HD Food Handlers  
\$7,673,626 in Licensing Fees

## Significant Program Changes

**Last Year this program was:** FY 2025: 40007A Health Inspections and Education

Historically, the program has been self-sustaining through licensing fees. During the COVID-19 pandemic, the County held fees steady to support impacted businesses by subsidizing the program with County General Fund dollars and American Rescue Plan Act (ARPA) funding. Since Fiscal Year 2021, over \$8 million in County General Funds and \$5.3 million in ARPA funds have subsidized the program. After five years of deferred license fee increases, in FY 2026 a fee increase of 33% will return the program to full cost recovery.