



Program #40007B - Restaurant Inspections Restoration FY 2025 Department Requested

Department: Health Department **Program Contact:** Jeff Martin
Program Offer Type: Restoration Request **Program Offer Stage:** Department Requested
Related Programs:
Program Characteristics: Out of Target

Executive Summary

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. For example, HIE ensures food at restaurants/food carts is safe to eat, pools and spas are safe to swim in, hotels/motels are free of hazards, and child care facilities are safe environments. HIE also responds to disease outbreaks that occur in these settings. In 2020, the program became the first in the nation to license and inspect food cart pods. Participation in the Food and Drug Administration's Program Standards aligns Multnomah County health standards with national standards.

Program Description

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 4,820 restaurants, mobile restaurants, hotel/motels, RV parks, organizational camps, warehouses, commissaries, vending machines, and jails. 467 pools/spas; 951 schools, childcare, adult foster care, and other service providers. 53 small water systems (inspected every 3 to 5 years) and an additional 12 water systems (responding to alerts as needed).

Foodborne Illness Outbreak Response - Registered Environmental Health Specialists investigate local foodborne illness in collaboration with Communicable Disease Services and are key participants in emergency response. HIE conducted 3 foodborne illnesses and 8 vibrio investigations in restaurants in the previous calendar year.

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.

HIE promotes racial equity by analyzing survey and inspection data to ensure businesses owned by persons of color, immigrants/refugees, and other marginalized populations are not penalized due to cultural, linguistic, or other systemic barriers to accessing, understanding, and following mandated health and safety standards. The Food Service Advisory Board, 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	FY23 Actual	FY24 Budgeted	FY24 Estimate	FY25 Target
Outcome		N/A	N/A	N/A	2,616
Output		N/A	N/A	N/A	4,696

Performance Measures Descriptions

Current year estimates in program offer 40007A

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	Department Requested General Fund	Department Requested Other Funds
Program Expenses	2024	2024	2025	2025
Personnel	\$0	\$0	\$1,119,472	\$0
Materials & Supplies	\$0	\$0	\$37,817	\$0
Total GF/non-GF	\$0	\$0	\$1,157,289	\$0
Program Total:	\$0		\$1,157,289	
Program FTE	0.00	0.00	8.00	0.00

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

Explanation of Revenues

This program offer does include an increase of support for FY25 that will keep the program whole and fund 8 FTE.

Significant Program Changes

Last Year this program was: FY 2024: 40007 Health Inspections and Education

This program offer does include a request for increase of support for FY25 that will keep the program whole and fund 8 FTE. The current fee structure is inadequate to support the required staff and resources to meet the statutorily required level of regulatory oversight to ensure the public's health. Currently the program is reliant on general fund support to meet our IGA with the Oregon Health Authority.