

Program #40037 - Environmental Health Community Programs 4/18/2018

Department: Health Department **Program Contact:** Jae Douglas
Program Offer Type: Existing Operating Program **Program Offer Stage:** As Proposed
Related Programs: 40006, 40007, 40008, 40053, 40060
Program Characteristics:

Executive Summary

Environmental Health Community Programs impact a wide range of well-documented, upstream, and emerging environmental health issues. Program areas include community environments, toxics reduction, and climate change with an explicit focus on environmental justice and vulnerable populations and address health inequities in lead poisoning, respiratory illness, and cardiovascular disease. Activities include monitoring and assessing environments, policies, and health; providing technical assistance and data expertise; reporting; communication; and direct services.

Program Summary

Environmental Health Community Programs bring together a continuum of services to ensure all county residents have access to optimal living conditions in their homes and neighborhoods. With an environmental justice framework, the programs focus first on the highest risk communities facing the least access to political and social power such as youth, elders, low-income communities, and communities of color. These communities are engaged so that their concerns, expertise, and proposed solutions can be integrated into the activities of the following program areas.

Community Environments: This program area aims to ensure that all neighborhoods are safe and healthy. Focuses include housing, nutritious foods, safe parks and playgrounds, safe streets, and equitable public transportation to ensure access to jobs, schools, services, recreation, and child care. Example activities include participation in technical committees to support local and regional planning efforts such as Metro’s Regional Transportation Plan; analysis of pedestrian fatalities within the City of Portland; and supporting community groups to understand environmental risks through online maps and technical assistance.

Toxics Reduction: This program area identifies risks of exposure to contaminated land, air, water, consumer goods, and industrial production, and makes technical information accessible to the public. Staff work with vulnerable individuals and families to identify and reduce exposure to lead through home inspections and case management; and, within communities, respond to both well-documented and emerging environmental hazards. Major focuses have been lead in water at Portland Public Schools, and heavy metals from art glass manufacturers. Activities include partnering with local, state, and federal agencies to share and analyze local exposure risk data and empowering communities to advocate on their own behalf.

Climate Change: This program area works to understand upstream and emerging health issues; protect the public’s health from the impacts of climate change; advance climate justice; and maximize health benefits of climate mitigation and resilience actions. Staff track key indicators such as extreme heat-related illnesses, hypothermia, and harmful algal blooms.

Performance Measures

Measure Type	Primary Measure	FY17 Actual	FY18 Purchased	FY18 Estimate	FY19 Offer
Output	Number of Community Members receiving information on environmental threats	39,031	45,000	69,986	52,000
Outcome	Number of children with reduced EBLL as a result of environmental investigations	29	40	29	35
Output	Number of households with reduced household hazards	56+	100	109	NA
Outcome	Number of health-based policy recommendations made that are adopted	9	15	34	30

Performance Measures Descriptions

1) Includes all program areas (phone counseling, referral, educational materials, website & events). 2) HUD and EPA best-practice measure of effectiveness. 4) Includes review of state and local plans & legislation, participation in technical committees & responses to requests for technical & policy support from partners.

Legal / Contractual Obligation

Legal mandates are City of Portland codes 8.20.210 (Maintenance of Health Hazard not Permitted); 8.20.200 (Notice of Unsanitary or Unhealthful Condition of Premises to be Given and Posted – Unlawful to Remove); 29.30.110 (Interior Walls, Floors, and Ceilings); 29.30.060 (Exterior Walls and Exposed Surfaces); and 21.800 (Multnomah County Housing Code) Some activities under this program offer are subject to contractual obligations under Inter-Governmental Agreement #0607105.

Revenue/Expense Detail

	Proposed General Fund	Proposed Other Funds	Proposed General Fund	Proposed Other Funds
Program Expenses	2018	2018	2019	2019
Personnel	\$43,076	\$270,979	\$61,985	\$234,186
Contractual Services	\$150,881	\$28,286	\$9,820	\$97,580
Materials & Supplies	\$194	\$40,189	\$26,323	\$16,765
Internal Services	\$25,287	\$97,416	\$57,406	\$62,969
Total GF/non-GF	\$219,438	\$436,870	\$155,534	\$411,500
Program Total:	\$656,308		\$567,034	
Program FTE	0.20	2.15	0.62	2.05

Program Revenues				
Indirect for Dept. Admin	\$25,662	\$0	\$22,974	\$0
Intergovernmental	\$0	\$436,870	\$0	\$239,000
Service Charges	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$172,500
Total Revenue	\$25,662	\$436,870	\$22,974	\$411,500

Explanation of Revenues

FY18 revenue includes \$196,500 from the City of Portland; \$10,000 from the State Lead Program; \$172,500 from Fish Advisory Outrch funding; State Maternal Child Health Perinatal fund \$32,500.

Significant Program Changes

Last Year this program was: FY 2018: 40037 Environmental Health Community Programs