

Division: Public Health

Program Characteristics:

Program Description

State law requires local health departments to protect the public from certain health threats. Some of these threats are diseases spread from person to person through sexual activity and/or blood, and deaths due to drug overdose. In Multnomah County, Harm Reduction Services protect against these harms (along with STI Clinical and Community Services 40010B). The program aims to reduce the spread of disease related to drug use and reduce deaths due to drug overdose. By providing services and supplies that reduce the potential harms of use, Harm Reduction Services stop the spread of disease, improves the quality of life for people who use drugs and protects the health of the community at-large.

The program operates a Syringe Services Program which has several core elements. Staff provide trauma-informed counseling to reduce risk and provide culturally appropriate referrals. Staff deliver overdose prevention education and distribute naloxone and fentanyl test strips. To reduce the risk of HIV, hepatitis C, and bacterial infection, the program offers sterile injection supplies and used syringe takeback. The Harm Reduction Clinic provides low barrier wound and abscess care, testing and treatment for HIV and sexually transmitted infections, and pre-exposure prophylaxis (PrEP) for HIV in collaboration with the STI Clinic (40010B). Staff work with Corrections Health to support continuity of Medication Supported Recovery for individuals leaving Multnomah County jails. The program subcontracts with community-based providers to provide prevention services for priority populations. In FY27, dedicated harm reduction outreach services are eliminated from this program. The Health Department will advance a capacity-building strategy to integrate core harm reduction work into other existing outreach teams through Overdose Prevention & Response Plan work (40000B). Performance measures below reflect direct and subcontracted services.

Equity Statement

The Harm Reduction Program uses local public health data to prioritize serving communities most impacted by substance use. The overlapping determinants of health include race, housing status, and mental health. We leverage staff experience; culturally specific community partner relationships; and assertive, low barrier engagement tactics.

Revenue/Expense Detail

	2026 General Fund	2026 Other Funds	2027 General Fund	2027 Other Funds
Personnel	\$1,790,840	\$918,184	\$1,133,192	\$815,992
Contractual Services	\$261,125	\$355,693	\$281,854	\$355,693
Materials & Supplies	\$620,453	\$913,852	\$328,026	\$220,171
Internal Services	\$389,967	\$173,523	\$521,651	\$130,475
Total GF/non-GF	\$3,062,385	\$2,361,252	\$2,264,723	\$1,522,331
Total Expenses:	\$5,423,637		\$3,787,054	
Program FTE	11.80	5.53	6.44	4.47
Program Revenues				
Intergovernmental	\$0	\$1,511,299	\$0	\$1,522,331
Other / Miscellaneous	\$0	\$849,953	\$0	\$0
Beginning Working Capital	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
Total Revenue	\$0	\$2,361,252	\$0	\$1,522,331

Performance Measures

Performance Measure	FY25 Actual	FY26 Estimate	FY27 Target
Number of clients served	11,203	12,318	10,200
Number of engagements provided to clients who are living with or at risk for an STI or HIV	52,891	54,590	50,700