

Division: Behavioral Health

Program Characteristics:

Program Description

In 2023, 37.5% of Oregonians gambled in the past year; of those, 3.5% were at-risk for problem gambling (PG) based on the Brief Biosocial Gambling Screen (BBGS). Multnomah County PG Services adopts a holistic approach—integrating biological, behavioral, and economic factors—to improve the well-being of individuals, families, and communities. Prevention and outreach use evidence-based strategies to raise awareness of gambling risks and promote free treatment/prevention resources. The County also offers care coordination and peer support via contracts, although PG treatment is now provided directly through state contracts.

PG Services include prevention, outreach, and referrals, focusing on quality-of-life for the gambler, their family, and community. Prevention includes contracted services, media campaigns, school curricula, family engagement, and community outreach. Outreach involves targeting priority populations, educating providers, and offering technical assistance for screening gambling harms. The PG Care Coordinator is situated in the Promoting Access To Hope (PATH) team and provides support to individuals who are seeking referrals to treatment, and/or need additional support while engaging in treatment programs within our community.

Equity Statement

The Multnomah County PG team includes outreach and prevention activities for diverse populations. These include: Lesbian, Gay, Bisexual, Transgender, Queer, Intersex, Asexual, and Two-Spirit; Black, Indigenous, and People of Color; older adults; veterans; and college students. The focus for treatment referrals includes those experiencing co-occurring issues such as drugs and alcohol or mental health issues.

Revenue/Expense Detail

	2026 General Fund	2026 Other Funds	2027 General Fund	2027 Other Funds
Personnel	\$0	\$528,432	\$0	\$439,819
Contractual Services	\$0	\$159,698	\$0	\$127,082
Materials & Supplies	\$0	\$14,644	\$0	\$13,419
Internal Services	\$0	\$76,398	\$0	\$58,040
Total GF/non-GF	\$0	\$779,172	\$0	\$638,360
Total Expenses:	\$779,172		\$638,360	
Program FTE	0.00	3.20	0.00	2.54
Program Revenues				
Intergovernmental	\$0	\$779,172	\$0	\$638,360
Total Revenue	\$0	\$779,172	\$0	\$638,360

Performance Measures

Performance Measure	FY25 Actual	FY26 Estimate	FY27 Target
% of clients receiving Care Coordination, successfully placed in gambling treatment or recovery support.	70%	70%	72%
Number of problem gambling prevention and outreach activities delivered	45	45	45