

Department: County Management **Program Contact:** Karyne Kieta
Program Offer Type: Existing Operating Program **Program Offer Stage:** As Proposed
Related Programs:
Program Characteristics:

Executive Summary

The Budget Office guides the development of the County's Budget Process, prepares the annual budget and supports the Chair and the Board of County Commissioners with their budgeting decisions by helping align the County's annual spending plan with the priorities. It also serves as a liaison between departments, elected officials and the community in communicating policy direction and program priorities, coordinating strategic planning and providing technical expertise, training, program, and management analysis.

Program Summary

The Budget Office leads the countywide budget process, evaluates County policies and operations, and recommends redirection of policy and/or resources.

The Budget Office does the following:

- Prepares the annual budget, budget in brief and associated documents;
- Financial forecasting and budget revenue/expenditure projections;
- Ad hoc analysis for County Management and the Chair's Office;
- Countywide research and evaluation and cost control analyses;
- Prepares the supplemental budget;
- Maintains the legal budget throughout the course of the year; and
- Provides budget support to the Department of County Management and Nondepartmental Offices.

Staff also assist departments in measuring performance of County programs; providing information and training on financial management, planning, budgets, and expenditure and revenue forecasting. Budget staff serve on countywide task forces related to budget, finance and other policy or fiscal matters; identify and resolve problems; and support County Labor Relations in collective bargaining research and detailed cost analysis.

The Budget Office continues to engage in expanding countywide research and evaluation. Potential projects for FY 2016 include: continued analysis of workforce analytics for County Management (DCM), County Assets (DCA) and Central Human Resources; Home for Everyone Housing Initiative; Central Human Services metrics and tracking; the Chair's Office dashboard; and other statistical analysis or research as assigned.

Over the past 13 years, the County has received the Government Finance Officers Association's (GFOA) Distinguished Budget Annual Award. The award represents a significant achievement by the County. It reflects the commitment of Multnomah County's governing body and staff to meet the highest principles of governmental budgeting.

Performance Measures

Measure Type	Primary Measure	FY14 Actual	FY15 Purchased	FY15 Estimate	FY16 Offer
Output	Number of budget modifications processed (includes internal)	182	150	180	180
Outcome	% of budget modifications entered into SAP within 4 weeks of Board approval	94%	90%	95%	95%
Quality	Percent error in General Fund Revenue Forecast	0.50%	2.0%	2.2%	2.0%
Quality	% of customers rating Budget Office efforts as either "good" or "excellent"	97%	95%	96%	96%

Performance Measures Descriptions

*Because the budget process ends prior to the beginning of the fiscal year, the FY 2015 estimate is the "actual" customer satisfaction rating. Prior to FY 2015, Budget Office efforts were rated on a three-point scale (Poor, Satisfactory, Excellent) and percent satisfied included ratings of satisfactory or excellent. Beginning with FY 2015 efforts are rated on a four-point scale (Poor, Fair, Good, Excellent).

Legal / Contractual Obligation

The Budget Office is not mandated, but the County is subject to Oregon Budget Law, ORS Chapter 294 & sections of ORS Chapters 280 & 310 related to filing and ballot title wording. The office is responsible for producing a financially sound budget that complies with the law and communicating the outcome from public funds entrusted to the County.

Revenue/Expense Detail

	Proposed General Fund	Proposed Other Funds	Proposed General Fund	Proposed Other Funds
Program Expenses	2015	2015	2016	2016
Personnel	\$1,486,801	\$0	\$1,729,145	\$0
Contractual Services	\$10,000	\$0	\$26,000	\$0
Materials & Supplies	\$88,900	\$0	\$74,000	\$0
Internal Services	\$190,167	\$0	\$311,528	\$0
Total GF/non-GF	\$1,775,868	\$0	\$2,140,673	\$0
Program Total:	\$1,775,868		\$2,140,673	
Program FTE	11.00	0.00	12.00	0.00

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

Explanation of Revenues

This program is supported by General Fund revenues.

Significant Program Changes

Last Year this program was: FY 2015: 72001 Budget Office

Responsibility for budget support for the Department of County Management and Nondepartmental Offices is being transferred from the DCA Hub to the Budget Office. An increase of 1.00 FTE Budget Analyst Principal will add capacity for overall budget support.

The Budget Office has increased Professional Services for TeamBudget training and continuing technical improvements, reports, and contracting to enhance the system. The Department of County Assets changed the drivers and methodology for allocating Information Technology charges, which resulted in a \$120,000 increase to the Budget Office internal service line item.