

Department: County Management

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Program Offer Type: Existing Operating Program

Program Offer Stage: As Proposed

Related Programs:
Program Characteristics:
Executive Summary

Purchasing oversees the County's goods and services procurement activities and provides leadership, expertise, and training to employees who perform purchasing functions. Purchasing supports departments to procure products and services in construction, materials, and both non-professional and professional services. Purchasing ensures appropriate and cost-efficient public procurement and contracting practices, including evaluating the economic, social and environmental impacts of purchases.

Program Summary

Purchasing provides leadership, policy oversight and monitoring, contract procurement, compliance, staff training, support services and overall accountability for several thousand contracts and hundreds of millions of dollars awarded each year.

Key efforts include the following: (1) safeguard the County from potential contractual risk and liability exposure; (2) ensure products and services are purchased in accordance with federal and state laws, procedures and regulations including County Administrative Procedures and rules established by Multnomah County's Public Contract Review Board (PCRB); (3) review and approve contract documents, review and approve contract changes and/or amendments and maintain official contract records; (4) research, analyze, recommend, and implement best business practices; (5) provide on-going guidance, support, training, and consultation to departments and employees; (6) track, monitor, analyze and annually report on contract data and performance measures; (7) maximize efforts to include and ensure participation of Minority, Women and Emerging Small Businesses (MWESB), Service Disabled Veterans, and Qualified Rehabilitation Facilities (QRF); (8) participate in community events, meetings and conduct outreach to the MWESB vendor community; (9) oversee the County's surplus program; and (10) develop and implement sustainable purchasing policies, procedures and training.

Purchasing supports the County's sustainability goals by ensuring sustainable practices of prospective vendors, contractors and service providers are included as evaluation criteria in all contract awards over \$10,000. All Purchasing staff share in the education, training, and support of County staff to promote and support sustainable purchasing practices.

Performance Measures

Measure Type	Primary Measure	FY16 Actual	FY17 Purchased	FY17 Estimate	FY18 Offer
Output	Percent of contracts awarded to MWESB and QRF businesses	11%	25%	20%	20%
Outcome	Number of sustained protests on formal procurements	0	0	0	0
Output	Number of formal RFP and Bid solicitations issued	87	80	45	50
Output	Number of contracts and amendments processed	1227	1000	965	965

Performance Measures Descriptions

Purchasing manages formal Request For Proposal (RFP) and bid solicitations (>\$150,000) for the County because they represent the greatest risk in the County's purchasing activity. Minimizing the number of sustained protests is an indicator of how well Purchasing is managing the risks associated with formal procurement processes. The output measures listed are good indicators of the volume of formal procurements we conduct and the contract processing activity across all County departments.

Legal / Contractual Obligation

Oregon Revised Statutes (ORS) 279A, 279B, and 279C establish requirements affecting the County's procurement and contracting practices. The County establishes and implements Public Contract Review Board (PCRB) Rules and Administrative Procedures CON-1 and PUR-1 to define its procurement and contracting processes within the constraints of ORS requirements.

Revenue/Expense Detail

	Proposed General Fund	Proposed Other Funds	Proposed General Fund	Proposed Other Funds
Program Expenses	2017	2017	2018	2018
Personnel	\$2,117,119	\$0	\$2,203,725	\$0
Contractual Services	\$73,882	\$0	\$13,219	\$0
Materials & Supplies	\$89,560	\$0	\$132,009	\$0
Total GF/non-GF	\$2,280,561	\$0	\$2,348,953	\$0
Program Total:	\$2,280,561		\$2,348,953	
Program FTE	19.00	0.00	19.00	0.00

Program Revenues				
Other / Miscellaneous	\$2,000	\$0	\$2,000	\$0
Total Revenue	\$2,000	\$0	\$2,000	\$0

Explanation of Revenues

This program is supported by General Fund revenues.

External revenues are generated primarily when fees are collected for services performed in response to public records requests, and when County surplus is sold through the surplus program. The estimate from these sources for FY 2018 is \$2,000.

Significant Program Changes

Last Year this program was: FY 2017: 72005 FRM Purchasing

In FY17, the County began implementing a new procurement and contracting system, SciQuest, as a precursor to the ERP replacement project. Over the next three fiscal years, the County's procurement and contracting work will experience both significant restructuring, leading to greater efficiencies, and greater consolidation within Central Purchasing. This program offer includes a new Finance Supervisor position to take on the additional supervisory duties needed to manage these changes. It is kept within target by the elimination of a vacant Procurement Analyst position and additional cuts.