

Division: Finance & Risk Management

Program Characteristics:

Program Description

Multnomah County buys hundreds of millions of dollars of supplies and services every year. Without a team watching over these purchases, the County could face lawsuits, waste taxpayer money and break public contracting laws. Purchasing addresses these issues by following the rules closely and finding smart, efficient ways to buy what is needed.

This program serves County departments and the public by overseeing the buying process to ensure tax dollars are spent fairly and responsibly. Purchasing provides leadership, technical training, and software management to Departmental staff. Key activities include:

- **Compliance & Risk Management:** Reviews contracts and amendments to make sure they follow federal and state laws, County Administrative Procedures, and Public Contract Review Board (PCRB) rules.
- **Operational Support:** Manages the County's procurement software and keeps track of official contract records.
- **Best Practices & Analysis:** Looks for and uses the most efficient ways to do business to get the best value and deal for the County.
- **Sustainability & Inclusion:** Puts the County's values into practice by ensuring purchasing decisions consider environmental standards and supplier diversity goals when reviewing bids or proposals.

Equity Statement

Staff maintain compliance and apply the County's core values of equity and inclusion. This program addresses unfair obstacles for historically overlooked businesses by following ethical rules (PCRB 46-0120) to ensure fair competition and build public trust. This commitment to equity also promotes supplier diversity by giving opportunities to Oregon Forward and COBID-certified suppliers, two distinct state-managed programs supporting business inclusion and employment.

Revenue/Expense Detail

	2026 General Fund	2026 Other Funds	2027 General Fund	2027 Other Funds
Personnel	\$3,687,066	\$0	\$3,893,624	\$0
Contractual Services	\$10,606	\$0	\$9,700	\$0
Materials & Supplies	\$139,088	\$0	\$125,120	\$0
Total GF/non-GF	\$3,836,760	\$0	\$4,028,444	\$0
Total Expenses:	\$3,836,760		\$4,028,444	
Program FTE	19.50	0.00	19.50	0.00
Program Revenues				
Other / Miscellaneous	\$2,000	\$0	\$52,000	\$0
Total Revenue	\$2,000	\$0	\$52,000	\$0

Performance Measures

Performance Measure	FY25 Actual	FY26 Estimate	FY27 Target
Number of formal RFP and Bid solicitations issued	82	75	75
Number of contracts and amendments processed	1,574	1,500	1,500