

Department: County Management

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Program Offer Type: Support

Program Offer Stage: As Requested

Related Programs:
Program Characteristics: In Target

Executive Summary

The Applications Support (APP Support) Program manages DART's application software and hardware through configuration, support and communication with external IT vendors. They perform the functions necessary to produce the certified annual tax roll, which includes calculating tax rates and taxes and producing tax statements. As a result of these efforts, this program also maintains vital information necessary for both internal and external data requests, essential in developing statutorily required reports and providing transparency to Multnomah County stakeholders.

Program Summary

DART's Applications Support Program performs the functions that support the certification of the annual tax roll, including calculating tax rates and taxes, producing tax statements, and producing reports required by the Oregon Department of Revenue. As a result the program assists in answering public and media questions about property tax bills, contributing to the accountability factor of the public's perception of fairness in assessing and collecting property taxes. In addition to certifying the annual tax roll, the Program responds to requests for information and data files from both internal and external sources. The Program manages the working relationship with the application software and hardware vendors, as well as the County Information Technology Division; including consulting on contract formulation and implementation support. The Program answers user questions, resolves problems, and provides advice on the effective use of the Division's business application systems.

Performance Measures

Measure Type	Primary Measure	FY18 Actual	FY19 Purchased	FY19 Estimate	FY20 Offer
Output	Number of Requests & Support Activities Completed	3,500	3,600	3,500	3,600
Outcome	% of Requests Associated with Program Revenue	4%	4%	4%	4%

Performance Measures Descriptions

The Number of Requests & Support Activities measures an Activity representing a single request or contact, even if that request is for 5 data files to be created and sent to the client. The percent of Requests Associated with Program Revenue indicates the portion of the program's work activities associated with a portion of our revenue.

Legal / Contractual Obligation

This program supports the Division of Assessment, Recording & Taxation in its compliance with Oregon Revised Statutes (ORS) Chapters 92, 205, 294,305-312, and 321. Additionally, ORS 306.115 assigns statewide general supervision of the property tax system to the Oregon Dept. of Revenue (DOR). Through the "County Assessment Function Funding Assistance" (CAFFA) Grant process described in ORS 294.175 the DOR determines the acceptable level of assessment & taxation staffing. According to the DOR, Multco's assessment and taxation staffing is adequate to meet ongoing statutory needs; however, DOR staffing guidelines are indicating a deficiency in recommended FTE within assessment areas including Applications Support. We believe these guidelines are an indication of future problems without reallocation. Any reduction to this program may jeopardize this grant revenue.

Revenue/Expense Detail

	Proposed General Fund	Proposed Other Funds	Proposed General Fund	Proposed Other Funds
Program Expenses	2019	2019	2020	2020
Personnel	\$748,704	\$0	\$756,149	\$0
Contractual Services	\$36,075	\$0	\$3,475	\$0
Materials & Supplies	\$465,260	\$0	\$418,686	\$0
Internal Services	\$397,993	\$0	\$262,516	\$0
Total GF/non-GF	\$1,648,032	\$0	\$1,440,826	\$0
Program Total:	\$1,648,032		\$1,440,826	
Program FTE	5.70	0.00	5.40	0.00

Program Revenues				
Intergovernmental	\$179,745	\$0	\$170,186	\$0
Other / Miscellaneous	\$50,000	\$0	\$40,000	\$0
Total Revenue	\$229,745	\$0	\$210,186	\$0

Explanation of Revenues

Participation in the Oregon Department of Revenue County Assessment Function Funding Assistance (CAFFA) Grant provides reimbursement of approximately 21% of Assessment & Taxation program expenditures. Grant amounts vary depending upon the overall state-wide CAFFA pool and the allocated percentage to each participating county. Multnomah County's total annual share of CAFFA is estimated at \$3,903,358, with \$170,186 allocated to DART Applications Support program. Program revenue of \$50,000 is from service fees for access to Assessment & Taxation information (subscription website user fees) and requests for Assessment and Taxation data files. Service fees are authorized by Department of County Management Fee Ordinance. Fees are projected based upon historical trends. Remaining Program support is provided by General Fund revenues.

Significant Program Changes

Last Year this program was: FY 2019: 72037-19 DART Applications Support

Reallocated Program Manager 1 position, moved .30 FTE to Program # 72028 DART GIS/Parcel Management.