

Department: County Management

Program Contact: Larry Steele

Program Offer Type: Administration

Program Offer Stage: Proposed

Related Programs:
Program Characteristics:

Executive Summary

The Applications Support (App Support) Program designs, develops, deploys and maintains technology solutions for the entire Division. The team produces the certified annual tax roll, which includes calculating tax rates, 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 business partners and the public.

Program Description

App Support fulfills four main functions critical to DART's business operations:

- Business applications development and implementation
- Tax collection technical support
- Expands, improves, and maintains access to information and technology
- Provides liaison, partnership and consultation services

App Support collaborates with Multco IT to develop and implement technology solutions used across DART, including maintaining hardware and software.

App Support supports the tax collection process by:

- extending and certifying the tax roll;
- producing tax statements;
- complying with requirements set by the Oregon Department of Revenue;
- answering related questions posed by internal and external stakeholders.

The program answers questions and responds to data requests made by internal and external stakeholders. This team also manages DART's public-facing website, which provides educational materials that promote accessibility features through technology. In addition, App Support manages, partners, and consults with software and hardware vendors to recommend business solutions.

App Support is committed to providing customer service and innovative, customer-focused technology solutions.

Performance Measures

Measure Type	Performance Measure	FY23 Actual	FY24 Budgeted	FY24 Estimate	FY25 Target
Output	Number of requests and support activities	3,500	3,500	3,500	3,500
Outcome	% of Requests Associated with Program Revenue	4%	4%	4%	4%
Output	Tax Statements Generated En Masse	343,112	350,000	347,000	350,000

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. Tax Statement Production numbers can fluctuate due to factors beyond the control of the Assessor.

Legal / Contractual Obligation

Functions in this program are regulated under Oregon Revised Statutes (ORS) Chapters 92, 205, 294, 305, 306, 307, 308, 308A, 309, 310 and 321. Through the "County Assessment Function Funding Assistance" (CAFFA) grant process described in ORS 294.175, the DOR determines the acceptable level of 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 this unit.

Revenue/Expense Detail

	Adopted General Fund	Adopted Other Funds	Proposed General Fund	Proposed Other Funds
Program Expenses	2024	2024	2025	2025
Personnel	\$1,210,766	\$0	\$1,263,957	\$0
Contractual Services	\$10,057	\$0	\$0	\$0
Materials & Supplies	\$516,949	\$0	\$533,119	\$0
Internal Services	\$285,783	\$0	\$247,058	\$0
Total GF/non-GF	\$2,023,555	\$0	\$2,044,134	\$0
Program Total:	\$2,023,555		\$2,044,134	
Program FTE	7.00	0.00	7.00	0.00

Program Revenues				
Intergovernmental	\$162,975	\$0	\$167,049	\$0
Other / Miscellaneous	\$40,000	\$0	\$20,000	\$0
Total Revenue	\$202,975	\$0	\$187,049	\$0

Explanation of Revenues

Participation in the Oregon Department of Revenue County Assessment Function Funding Assistance (CAFFA) Grant provides reimbursement of approximately 11.6% of Assessment & Taxation program expenditures. Grant amounts vary depending upon the overall statewide CAFFA pool and the allocated percentage to each participating county. Multnomah County's total annual share of CAFFA is estimated at \$2,784,156 with \$167,049 allocated to DART Applications Support (72037). Program revenue of \$20,000 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 the Department of County Management Fee Ordinance. Fees are projected based upon historical trends. Remaining program support is provided by the General Fund.

Significant Program Changes

Last Year this program was: FY 2024: 72037 DART Applications Support