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Program Offer Type: Existing Operating Program **Program Offer Stage:** As Proposed
Related Programs: 72044B
Program Characteristics:

Executive Summary

The Construction Diversity and Equity Fund (CDEF) program supports recruitment and retention of women and minorities in the skilled construction trades. It also supports the competitiveness of State certified minority-owned, women-owned, service-disabled-veteran-owned businesses, and emerging small businesses.

Program Summary

Jobs in the fields of construction offer stable careers that pay wages sufficient to raise a family. As a result of a history of discrimination and other barriers, jobs in these fields have not been available to all people. The CDEF program increases diversity, equity, and opportunity in both our construction workforce and business community.

The CDEF program supports three initiatives.

- (1) It funds Bureau of Labor and Industries (BOLI) certified pre-apprenticeship programs. These programs are an important gateway into the trades. CDEF supports their recruitment of women and minorities.
- (2) It funds support and retention services for women and minority apprentices. This recognizes that every individual has different barriers that may disrupt their employment. Employers and unions refer apprentices to one of the County's three contractors who provide the services. Providing tools, safety equipment, or various support services helps ensure success on the job. Contractors provide qualitative feedback from the apprentices to gauge program impacts.
- (3) It funds technical help, mentoring and training for State certified minority-owned, women-owned, service-disabled-veteran-owned businesses, and emerging small businesses. Within that group, we emphasize serving construction-related professional services or contracting businesses. Certified firms apply online for support. We match them with one of four contractors to provide the help. Both contractors and certified firms provide feedback on the success of the engagement. This feedback is provided through monthly online surveys from both of these groups.

Performance Measures

Measure Type	Primary Measure	FY21 Actual	FY22 Budgeted	FY22 Estimate	FY23 Offer
Output	Number of workers served in BOLI Pre-Apprenticeship Programs	N/A	15	0	15
Outcome	Number of workers able to maintain employment due to receiving direct support and retention services.	N/A	30	14	25
Output	Number of State Certified firms receiving technical assistance, mentoring, and training.	N/A	30	14	25

Performance Measures Descriptions

Due to COVID, pre-apprenticeship programs were largely shut down. We expect these to reopen in FY23. We believe that direct support for both workers and State Certified firms was depressed due to COVID.

Legal / Contractual Obligation

Multnomah County Board Resolution No.2018-024 - Resolution Approving Amendments to Public Contract Review Board Rules Division 60 on Equal Opportunity in Public Contracting, Effective July 1, 2018

Revenue/Expense Detail

	Adopted General Fund	Adopted Other Funds	Proposed General Fund	Proposed Other Funds
Program Expenses	2022	2022	2023	2023
Contractual Services	\$137,450	\$0	\$215,000	\$0
Total GF/non-GF	\$137,450	\$0	\$215,000	\$0
Program Total:	\$137,450		\$215,000	
Program FTE	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00

Program Revenues				
Other / Miscellaneous	\$65,000	\$0	\$45,000	\$0
Beginning Working Capital	\$72,450	\$0	\$170,000	\$0
Total Revenue	\$137,450	\$0	\$215,000	\$0

Explanation of Revenues

The program has two sources of funding. First, the County pays (1%) of construction costs into the fund. Second, any Liquidated Damages paid by construction contractors are part of the fund. Liquidated damages are a sum contractors pay to the County if they do not meet contracted inclusion goals for women, minorities and apprentices.

Significant Program Changes

Last Year this program was: FY 2022: 72044 FRM Construction Diversity and Equity

Spending of CDEF funding has not been as aggressive as we had hoped due to COVID. Specifically, the pre apprentice training programs have had a difficult time conducting classes, and State Certification Office for Business Inclusion and Diversity (COBID) certified business assistance applications have lagged.