

Department: County Management

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Program Offer Type: Operating

Program Offer Stage: Adopted

Related Programs:
Program Characteristics: One-Time-Only Request

Program Description

The Regional Construction Workforce Diversity Funder Collaborative is a group of public sector organizations who want to improve the racial and gender diversity of the regional construction trades workforce. The group includes the City of Portland, Multnomah County, Washington County, Clackamas County, Metro, TriMet, Prosper Portland, State Bureau of Labor and Industries, and Portland Community College. Each member of the group agrees to contribute a certain amount of money each year for a set number of years and helps plan, develop, and review the progress of the projects. The group started as part of The Construction Career Pathways Project (C2P2) Public Owner Workgroup.

The Funder Collaborative is made up of C2P2 signatories who have agreed to invest money together to increase diversity and the number of people in the construction workforce. The Funder Collaborative is a place where members can share ideas and learn from each other to help with regional efforts. They work together and invest in projects to make this happen.

The Funder Collaborative has formal voting procedures, as agreed upon by its members and outlined in the bylaws. Each funder has one vote, unless otherwise specified. Collectively, the members develop an annual work plan that explicitly includes the desired outcomes of the investments. The Funder Collaborative uses their annual work plan to guide decisions and update it each year based on the performance outcomes and regional labor needs.

This program offer is scaled to 72044A Construction Diversity and Equity Fund (CDEF) which also provides dedicated funding for workforce diversity development activities. While the CDEF funding can be volatile on an annual basis, we have a significant amount of funding currently from the Library Bond project which is being used to fund this program offer.

Performance Measures

Measure Type	Performance Measure	FY24 Actual	FY25 Budgeted	FY25 Estimate	FY26 Target
Output	Number of workers served in BOLI Pre-Apprenticeship Programs	N/A	32	32	30
Outcome	Number retained in apprentice program at 6 months due to receiving direct support and retention services	N/A	16	20	15
Output	Number beginning a Registered Apprenticeship Program or comparable construction career	N/A	27	18	27

Performance Measures Descriptions

The procurement process that the County's partner undertook to award the funds to local pre-apprenticeship programs took longer than expected. The award of funds to pre-apprenticeship programs by the County's partner on our behalf was finalized in July 2024 so no direct pre-apprenticeship expenses were incurred for FY24. Consequently, we expect an increased number of pre-apprentices supported in FY 2025.

Revenue/Expense Detail

	Adopted General Fund	Adopted Other Funds	Adopted General Fund	Adopted Other Funds
	2025	2025	2026	2026
Program Expenses				
Contractual Services	\$200,000	\$0	\$200,000	\$0
Total GF/non-GF	\$200,000	\$0	\$200,000	\$0
Program Total:	\$200,000		\$200,000	
Program FTE	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00

Program Revenues				
Total Revenue	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0

Explanation of Revenues

The program is funded by Construction Diversity and Equity Fund (CDEF), see program offer 72044A. The County pays (1%) of construction costs into the fund.

Significant Program Changes

Last Year this program was: FY 2025: 72044B Regional Construction Workforce Diversity Funder Collaborative

This funding is for year four of the annual funder commitment of five years.