

Division: Finance & Risk Management

Program Characteristics:

Program Description

Clean Air Construction standards are a key strategy for reducing diesel emissions in Multnomah County. According to OR DEQ diesel particulate matter is a potent air toxic that is present in ambient air throughout Multnomah County and the region at levels well above the state ambient benchmark. The majority of diesel pollution comes from construction equipment in Multnomah County. Thanks to Multnomah County's leadership, the City of Portland, Port of Portland, Washington County, TriMet, Metro, City of Hillsboro, and Portland Community College have all adopted the standard. The purpose of this effort is to use public purchasing to create a strong market signal for clean diesel engines and ultimately reduce Multnomah County residents exposure to deadly diesel pollution.

In partnership with the City of Portland, the lead program administrator, and seven other local agencies, this program:

- **Sets Standards:** Requires cleaner engines on construction contracts valued at \$500,000 or more.
- **Tracks Compliance:** Manages a website to register and keep track of diesel equipment and dump trucks used off-road and issues decals that are required to be displayed.
- **Supports Business:** Provides grants to Certification Office for Business Inclusion and Diversity (COBID) firms to upgrade older equipment and provides program flexibility to those firms.
- **Aligns Regionally:** Makes sure rules and standards match for all program participants and sharing administration making administration more efficient, easing compliance, and increasing the program's impact.

Equity Statement

Staff integrate equity practices throughout the program's core functions and in customer interactions, addressing the disproportionate impact of diesel pollution on marginalized communities by reducing emissions. To ensure environmental standards do not create economic barriers, the program offers grants, technical assistance, and flexibility for COBID-certified firms. This helps Minority, Women, and Emerging Small Businesses secure County contracts and improve community health.

Revenue/Expense Detail

	2026 General Fund	2026 Other Funds	2027 General Fund	2027 Other Funds
Contractual Services	\$59,000	\$0	\$56,000	\$0
Total GF/non-GF	\$59,000	\$0	\$56,000	\$0
Total Expenses:	\$59,000		\$56,000	
Program FTE	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
Total Revenue	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0

Performance Measures

Performance Measure	FY25 Actual	FY26 Estimate	FY27 Target
Number of contractors with registered equipment	220	230	250
Number of pieces of equipment registered	1,125	1,200	1,300