



**Program #72051 - College to County Interns** FY 2026 Department Requested

**Department:** County Management **Program Contact:** Chris Lenn  
**Program Offer Type:** Operating **Program Offer Stage:** Department Requested  
**Related Programs:**  
**Program Characteristics:**

**Program Description**

The College to County Mentorship Program is a workforce pathways initiative that focuses on the development of college students or recent graduates from underrepresented communities by offering paid three-month internship opportunities in County projects across departments. In addition, the program matches participants with mentors who are trained in culturally responsive mentoring and development. The internship assists the students' understanding of the pathways to employment and leadership in various County careers so they may consider Multnomah County for future employment. Since the program started in 2011, College to County has successfully helped more than 30 internship participants become regular status County employees.

Centralized funding provides a foundation for County departments to meet our commitment on an annual basis despite fluctuations in budget constraints and differences in budgets across departments. In a recent evaluation of this program, one of the biggest barriers for departments/managers to participate was budgetary constraint or uncertainty.

Ensuring a portion of the program's annual placement goals are funded centrally provides a more equitable chance that internship opportunities are made available across all departments by filling the funding gap for those departments that may be constrained by budget. Additionally, since the internships take place in the summer months, they run across two budget years. Ongoing funding will ensure that an internship is not displaced midway through the experience.

This program honors and advances the County's commitment to building a diverse workforce, promoting inclusion and being better positioned to fulfill our mission to serve the residents of Multnomah County.

A request and funding process will be maintained by the College to County Program Coordinator & the Talent Acquisition Manager.

**Performance Measures**

Measure Type	Performance Measure	FY24 Actual	FY25 Budgeted	FY25 Estimate	FY26 Target
Output	Number of Positions Funded	25	25	25	30
Outcome	Participants report the program improved their personal and professional growth	100%	90%	90%	90%
Outcome	Participants report increased understanding of how to obtain employment at Multnomah County	100%	90%	90%	90%

**Performance Measures Descriptions**

Output/Outcome measures align with key performance goals of the Workforce Equity Strategic Plan. Participant learning outcomes/outputs are intended to capture knowledge transfer and support of professional development which both align with the organizational commitment to becoming a learning organization.

## Legal / Contractual Obligation

Federal, state, local laws, rules, and regulations covering wage and hour, discrimination, harassment, labor relations, privacy, employment at will, hiring, defamation, Uniformed Service Employment and Re-employment Rights Act, and other employment related issues. Thirteen labor agreements necessitate contract compliance regarding rates of pay, hours of work, fringe benefits and other matters pertaining to employment.

## Revenue/Expense Detail

	Adopted General Fund	Adopted Other Funds	Department Requested General Fund	Department Requested Other Funds
<b>Program Expenses</b>	<b>2025</b>	<b>2025</b>	<b>2026</b>	<b>2026</b>
Personnel	\$0	\$317,722	\$0	\$318,038
Contractual Services	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$500
Materials & Supplies	\$0	\$3,165	\$0	\$13,165
Internal Services	\$0	\$2,263	\$0	\$1,285
<b>Total GF/non-GF</b>	<b>\$0</b>	<b>\$323,150</b>	<b>\$0</b>	<b>\$332,988</b>
<b>Program Total:</b>	<b>\$323,150</b>		<b>\$332,988</b>	
<b>Program FTE</b>	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00

Program Revenues				
<b>Total Revenue</b>	<b>\$0</b>	<b>\$0</b>	<b>\$0</b>	<b>\$0</b>

## Explanation of Revenues

This program is supported by the Video Lottery Fund

## Significant Program Changes

Last Year this program was: FY 2025: 72051 College to County Interns