

Division: Central Human Resources

Program Characteristics:

Program Description

Work experience is critical for marginalized youth to successfully transition into adulthood and toward economic self sufficiency. In alignment with local violence prevention strategies and youth wellness efforts, this program ensures training, coaching, and job placement for youth who face barriers to employment.

The program supports key interventions to help stabilize vulnerable individuals, reduce recidivism rates, mitigate risk behavior, and create pro-social opportunities in the lives of low-income and disadvantaged youth by connecting them to supported learning experiences and paid work.

The program is coordinated with regional workforce partners and community-based organizations to create a community of practice that supports wellbeing and financial independence for young people. Partners assist in identifying, recruiting and enrolling youth as well as coaching and mentoring.

SummerWorks, a key component of this program, enables youth ages 16 to 24 to gain valuable work experience through paid training, virtual internships, traditional work experiences, and learning opportunities at Multnomah County or in partnership with external work sites that support the County's mission.

Equity Statement

The Youth Opportunity Workforce Development program, operated by a community provider, promotes equity by centering services on youth facing employment barriers and partnering with culturally competent organizations to proactively dismantle obstacles to success.

Revenue/Expense Detail

	2026 General Fund	2026 Other Funds	2027 General Fund	2027 Other Funds
Contractual Services	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$604,589
Total GF/non-GF	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$604,589
Total Expenses:	\$0		\$604,589	
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 youth served each year by SummerWorks programming.	310	329	350
Percentage of youth who complete training and internship hours.	80%	80%	80%