

Department: County Assets

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Program Offer Type: Internal Service

Program Offer Stage: As Proposed

Related Programs:
Program Characteristics:

Executive Summary

This program serves the public by providing services, tools, training, and professional consultation to County agencies to support the compliant creation, management, storage, retrieval, accessibility, protection, preservation, and secure destruction of public records. The program leads, supports, and promotes countywide strategic initiatives that use information in equitable decision-making, minimize risk, and protect rights. The program strives to remove barriers to access to 165 years of the County's legacy of decision-making and community impacts, and promotes the role of records in advancing equity.

Program Summary

The program's goal is to ensure that all members of the public are able to inspect county public records as mandated by Oregon Public Records Law, and that the departments creating, managing, protecting, and destroying public records do so in a manner that retains their authenticity, integrity, and reliability as documentation of our County's decision-making, policies, and community involvement.

Public records document the County's policies, decisions, functions, and efforts to fulfill its mission. This program preserves these records by providing specialized storage and handling for hard copy records in the Archives, and preserving electronic records in the County's Digital Archives, a dedicated long term digital preservation system.

The public has direct access to historic records through in-person research appointments, 24/7 online access to digital records, and phone and email referrals for non-county public records. This program makes efforts to remove barriers to access by: writing finding aids (tools for locating records) that employ inclusive language metadata schemas; reducing bias in collections management through a team approach to appraisal, and applying plain language and digital accessibility best practices to online portals.

Departments create and use records to provide critical services to the community. This program provides tools, training, and consultation to support departments in balancing service delivery needs with public records law compliance by: maintaining the County's retention schedules; providing Records Center storage and retrieval services (allowing programs to prioritize office space for serving clients); facilitating digitization projects to support continuity of service and employees' ability to go directly to clients in the field; managing and promoting use of the County's enterprise electronic document and records management system, and providing secure destruction of individuals' protected information at the end of its lifecycle.

Performance Measures

Measure Type	Primary Measure	FY20 Actual	FY21 Budgeted	FY21 Estimate	FY22 Offer
Output	Number of Records Retrievals and Interfiles (Record Actions) Performed on Behalf of Customers	2872	4000	1680	2500
Outcome	Percentage Increase of Reference Requests Compared to Previous Fiscal Year	-33%	5%	-33%	30%
Output	Number of New EDRMS Users Onboarded	N/A	N/A	N/A	100
Output	Number of Public Sessions Initiated in the Digital Archives	N/A	N/A	N/A	750

Performance Measures Descriptions

PM #1: Record actions directly impacted by COVID-19 closures.

PM #2: Based on number of discrete requests. Directly impacted by COVID-19 closures.

PM #3: Electronic document & records management system (EDRMS) use reduces individuals' records compliance burden.

PM #4: FY22 will establish a baseline for measuring how the public interacts with the County's Digital Archives.

Legal / Contractual Obligation

Oregon Revised Statute 192 and Oregon Administrative Rule Chapter 166 define public records law and policy, Records Officer mandates, and standards and obligations for records creation, access, storage, protection, retention, and disposition. Multnomah County Executive Rule 301 assigns the retention schedule function to the Records Management program, and Multnomah County Code Chapter 8.500 defines additional archival records responsibilities and obligations.

Revenue/Expense Detail

	Adopted General Fund	Adopted Other Funds	Proposed General Fund	Proposed Other Funds
Program Expenses	2021	2021	2022	2022
Personnel	\$0	\$737,577	\$0	\$784,964
Contractual Services	\$0	\$318,184	\$0	\$328,315
Materials & Supplies	\$0	\$196,809	\$0	\$134,984
Internal Services	\$0	\$769,036	\$0	\$826,109
Capital Outlay	\$0	\$242,357	\$0	\$229,424
Total GF/non-GF	\$0	\$2,263,963	\$0	\$2,303,796
Program Total:	\$2,263,963		\$2,303,796	
Program FTE	0.00	5.00	0.00	6.00

Program Revenues				
Other / Miscellaneous	\$0	\$2,067,764	\$0	\$2,060,117
Beginning Working Capital	\$0	\$199,780	\$0	\$243,588
Service Charges	\$0	\$18	\$0	\$91
Total Revenue	\$0	\$2,267,562	\$0	\$2,303,796

Explanation of Revenues

Records Management is funded by an allocation system through the Distribution Fund. Total program costs are allocated based on each Department's share of the number of boxes stored, boxes brought into the Records Center (accessioned), and record actions performed in over a three year average.

Significant Program Changes

Last Year this program was: FY 2021: 78404 Records Management

The program's research facility is closed to the public due to COVID-19. This significantly limits the ability to provide access to historic public records. Due to COVID-19, workforce members that would typically use Records Center storage and retrieval services are teleworking and no longer able to use these services on a regular basis. In addition, FTE increased by one due the conversion of the team's limited duration appointment to permanent, as the work this position is doing is specialized and required for digital archiving.