

Department: Library

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Program Offer Type: Administration

Program Offer Stage: As Adopted

Related Programs:
Program Characteristics:

Executive Summary

IT Services provides leadership and development resources for the library's technology vision and digital strategy, ensuring that the library has robust and sustainable information technology that supports innovative and progressive service to Multnomah County's diverse community. IT Services maintains computers, mobile devices, and equipment for public and staff use, wired and wireless networks across all library locations, applications integration, development, security, and support for patron learning, creation and staff productivity.

Program Summary

IT Services works with partners inside and outside the library to plan, define and develop leading edge technology solutions that will align with patron and staff needs and support the library's strategic priorities.

IT Services maintains more than 900 public computers and mobile devices, related software and servers, high-speed Internet access and a wireless network in library facilities for use by the general public. Library users can search the catalog of books and other materials, view and manage their library accounts, download e-books, stream audio and video content, use research databases and other electronic resources, and access the Internet for educational, business and personal use. Children and adults use library computers and tablets to do personal and business research, complete homework assignments, apply for jobs, find recreational reading, communicate with government agencies, manage their library accounts and participate in the social web.

Public computers also provide office automation software, such as word processing, to accomplish personal, business or school work. The library has computers and software in training rooms, teen after-school homework lounges, and for checkout to be used in-house with the library's public wireless network. Many public computer users have no access to a computer or the Internet at home, so the library is their only window to the world of 21st century technology, communication and information.

IT Services also maintains more than 600 computers, related equipment and software for library staff, supporting general office computing and library systems such as the library catalog, patron database, circulation system, materials acquisition system, website, provision of electronic resources, and other internal operations.

Performance Measures

Measure Type	Primary Measure	FY16 Actual	FY17 Purchased	FY17 Estimate	FY18 Offer
Output	Number of public computers	868	930	930	930
Outcome	% of time wired public internet computers are in use	67%	70%	62%	60%
Output	Number of wi-fi sessions	1,340,627	1,300,000	1,500,000	1,700,000

Performance Measures Descriptions

Output: Additional loaner laptops were added.

Outcome: This measure is trending downward due to increased wireless access in all library locations and the addition of loaner laptops.

2nd Output: The library's public wi-fi network is accessed by people using their own devices as well as those using library loaner laptops and tablets: library wi-fi is an important service to bridge the digital divide.

Legal / Contractual Obligation

The budget reflects the passage of Measure 26-143: "Form Library District with permanent rate to fund library services," November 2012 General Election. The district summary states in pertinent part: "If approved, the Multnomah County Library District would be formed with a permanent rate dedicated to library services, operations, books, materials, programs, activities and oversight of the district. Formation of a District would ... prevent reductions in services, programs and activities, and hours."

Revenue/Expense Detail

	Proposed General Fund	Proposed Other Funds	Proposed General Fund	Proposed Other Funds
Program Expenses	2017	2017	2018	2018
Personnel	\$0	\$622,632	\$0	\$521,168
Contractual Services	\$0	\$100,000	\$0	\$112,000
Materials & Supplies	\$0	\$857,645	\$0	\$940,116
Internal Services	\$0	\$5,725,076	\$0	\$7,108,671
Total GF/non-GF	\$0	\$7,305,353	\$0	\$8,681,955
Program Total:	\$7,305,353		\$8,681,955	
Program FTE	0.00	3.00	0.00	3.00

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

Explanation of Revenues

The revenue allocated to this program offer reflects an intergovernmental service reimbursement from the Library District (99.96%) and resources from the County's Library Fund (0.04%). It represents a pro-rated share of property taxes (97.35%) and other revenues such as overdue fines, interest earnings, grants, and user charges for services provided to library patrons (2.65%).

Significant Program Changes

Last Year this program was: FY 2017: 80017 IT Services

Increase in this offer's budget is partly due to the addition of the library's allocation for the Enterprise Resource Planning (ERP) project.