

Program #80023 - Community Engagement
FY 2025 Department Requested
Department: Library

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Program Offer Type: Operating

Program Offer Stage: Department Requested

Related Programs:
Program Characteristics: In Target

Executive Summary

Community Engagement seeks to foster relationships and create space for underserved communities to provide meaningful input that influences the delivery of equitable services to their community. This program works as a catalyst for community input to inform the practice and services that we provide to the community. This team builds relationships, advocates for services, and guides implementation in collaboration with internal and external stakeholders.

Program Description

ISSUE: Disadvantaged and underserved communities do not have an avenue to participate in the development of nontraditional and direct library services for their community.

PROGRAM GOAL: Through relationships with community organizations, service providers, and public partners, Community Engagement will create opportunities for community members to collaborate with library staff and develop library programs and services that are culturally and linguistically appropriate. This program will expand and improve the reach of the current library communications channel to new, former, and nontraditional library users to inform them of services, programs, and access to digital tools and services. This program will also collaborate with the Office of Program Management and Evaluation in conducting a community needs assessment that will help direct and support program goals and objectives, as well as create measurement tools for assessment and evaluation of program management.

PROGRAM ACTIVITY: This program provides direct leadership and support to culturally and linguistically diverse staff who serve library patrons through service delivery at their point of need. Community Engagement coordinates, supports, and delivers library service information through community outreach opportunities that enable staff to share available opportunities and resources with community members. This program prioritizes community engagement with underserved communities, with a specific effort to reach BIPOC communities, new immigrant communities, and other emerging vulnerable populations who are at risk of being overlooked.

RACIAL EQUITY ADVANCEMENT: By engaging and elevating traditionally underserved voices and communities in the ideation, delivery, and evaluation of library services, this program creates a space of social inclusion for BIPOC community members to be active participants in a community-led process to navigate library services from assumed needs to assessed needs.

Performance Measures

Measure Type	Performance Measure	FY23 Actual	FY24 Budgeted	FY24 Estimate	FY25 Target
Output	Number of community listening sessions and community events	45	50	50	50
Outcome	% of community members who report that their voices and needs are meaningfully considered	75%	75%	75%	75%
Output	Participants in community listening sessions and events	475	500	500	500

Performance Measures Descriptions

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

	Adopted General Fund	Adopted Other Funds	Department Requested General Fund	Department Requested Other Funds
Program Expenses	2024	2024	2025	2025
Personnel	\$0	\$2,032,093	\$0	\$2,126,408
Contractual Services	\$0	\$13,000	\$0	\$10,000
Materials & Supplies	\$0	\$294,070	\$0	\$74,400
Internal Services	\$0	\$73,239	\$0	\$95,447
Total GF/non-GF	\$0	\$2,412,402	\$0	\$2,306,255
Program Total:	\$2,412,402		\$2,306,255	
Program FTE	0.00	12.00	0.00	12.00

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

Explanation of Revenues

This program generates \$87,395 in indirect revenues.

The revenue allocated to this program offer reflects an intergovernmental service reimbursement from the Library District (99.97%) and resources from the County’s Library Fund (0.03%). It represents a prorated share of property taxes (98%), other revenues such as interest earnings, grants, and user charges for services provided to library patrons (2%).

Significant Program Changes

Last Year this program was: FY 2024: 80023 Community Engagement

Community Engagement now oversees services to homebound and elder community members, which was formerly in the now sunsetted Mobile and Partner Libraries program offer (80009). This includes mailing of materials to homebound patrons and also physical service delivery in elder housing and community spaces.