

Department: Library

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Program Offer Type: Administration

Program Offer Stage: Adopted

Related Programs: 78228A-J

Program Characteristics:
Program Description

With the passage of the Library Capital Construction Bond (Measure 26-211), the voters of Multnomah County approved the funding for all of the projects that are laid out as part of the bond plan. The Program Management Office (PMO) prioritizes accountability, equity, accessibility, flexibility, partnership, innovation, sustainability and public safety through each project. The Library Capital Bond Administration program consists of the library employees who are part of the Library Capital PMO. It includes the PMO deputy director and the positions responsible for communications, staff and community outreach, project coordination, and office administration—all which support the library's building program.

ISSUE: Funds from the 2020 Capital Bond measure will increase total library space in current library buildings by approximately 50 percent, offering Multnomah County residents the sizes and types of library spaces other communities enjoy.

PROGRAM GOAL: The Library Building Bond Administration supports the library's vision for capital construction projects through collaboration with bond program management staff and with community outreach and engagement. This program represents the library staff positions that support the Capital Bond program's administration in collaboration with the Department of County Assets (DCA). Most of the library bond expenses are budgeted in the DCA; these positions are funded by the Multnomah County Library Capital Construction Fund.

PROGRAM ACTIVITY: Each library project begins with a robust community engagement and input process to determine design and features. This program offer includes program staff who support this large-scale effort and the funds to build and purchase the necessary infrastructure to meet the expected bond-based timeline. The work also includes audits and public oversight. The following are projects within the overall program: build a new East County Library; rebuild and expand two destination libraries; renovate and expand five neighborhood libraries; increase efficiency and reduce handling costs by converting to an Automated Materials Handling system; connect all libraries to gigabit speed internet service; increase the number of accessible buildings, services, and technology for people with disabilities; and improve seismic readiness.

RACIAL EQUITY ADVANCEMENT: Diversity, equity and inclusion are key values of the library. All aspects of this work center diversity, equity and inclusion. The Library's Capital Planning Project Principles and Community Engagement Ethos emphasize hearing community voices and elevating the voices of those often left out of the conversation. Working closely with each project team, this group ensures parity in communications, language support at events and during community engagement, and documents the impact of community engagement on final projects.

Performance Measures

Measure Type	Performance Measure	FY24 Actual	FY25 Budgeted	FY25 Estimate	FY26 Target
Output	# of public presentations, community listening sessions and community events supporting current bond projects	41	30	30	10
Outcome	Community advocate satisfaction with their experience as paid grassroots community engagement members	4.8	4.0	4.0	4.0

Performance Measures Descriptions

There will be a reduction in presentations and events through FY26 as the PMO focuses on opening new libraries already in design. Community Design Advocates (CDAs) are paid community members doing grassroots community engagement as part of the bond program. These Community Design Advocates are surveyed on their experience and satisfaction with the CDA program overall, as a measurement of the bond program's commitment to community voice. Scale of 1 - 5, with 5 being the most satisfied.

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	Adopted General Fund	Adopted Other Funds
Program Expenses	2025	2025	2026	2026
Personnel	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
Internal Services	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
Total GF/non-GF	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
Program Total:	\$0		\$0	
Program FTE	0.00	6.00	0.00	6.00

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

Explanation of Revenues

Positions in this program offer are funded by the Multnomah County Library Capital Construction Fund (2517).

Significant Program Changes

Last Year this program was: FY 2025: 80024 Library Building Bond Administration

FY 2026 will be focused on opening new buildings rather than engaging the community in frequent design discussions. The overall number of individual events will be significantly reduced while the participation for each event will increase due to the scale of opening events.