



Program #90009A - Charter Reform Rank Choice Voting Implementation FY 2024 Department Requested

Department: Community Services **Program Contact:** Tim Scott
Program Offer Type: New **Program Offer Stage:** Department Requested
Related Programs: 90009B, 90010
Program Characteristics: One-Time-Only Request, Out of Target

Executive Summary

This program offer provides one-time-only (OTO) funds for three components of ranked choice voting (RCV) implementation in the 2024 general election: a limited duration full-time Project Manager position to oversee implementation of RCV, the manufacturer licensing fee for upgrade of ballot design and tally system software to add RCV capability, and development and production of RCV voter education and outreach media and materials.

Program Description

City of Portland Measure 26-228 and Multnomah County Measure 26-232 require implementation of RCV for City contests by the 2024 General Election and County contests by the 2026 General Election, respectively. Implementation of RCV requires extensive review and updates to election policies, technology, and processes as well as concerted voter education to ensure Multnomah County Elections continues to conduct transparent, accurate, accessible, and accountable elections, and maintains the public's confidence and trust in the elections process. The Department of Community Services has initiated this work in FY 2023 through limited support from existing staff and a temporary project manager.

The limited duration Project Manager position will oversee Multnomah County's implementation of RCV. In addition to managing internal implementation efforts, the Project Manager will work with staff from the City of Portland, State, and Clackamas and Washington counties to coordinate updates to election codes and regulations, implementation of multicounty RCV contests, updates to technology for RCV elections administration and results reporting, and development and implementation of voter education campaigns.

This program offer also provides funds for the one-time manufacturer licensing fee to upgrade the County's voting system software. The County will also incur increased ongoing maintenance fees for voting system software (see "Elections Infrastructure (90010B)").

Implementation of RCV will involve significant changes to how ballots are designed, filled out by voters, and tabulated, as well as how election results are reported. This program offer provides funds for a consultant to plan a voter education media campaign and for development of education and outreach media such as videos, website resources, and printed materials to support conducting accessible RCV elections, providing outreach and education for all potential voters and candidates, and centering the needs of communities of color, people with disabilities and speakers of languages other than English.

Performance Measures

Measure Type	Primary Measure	FY22 Actual	FY23 Budgeted	FY23 Estimate	FY24 Offer
Output	Project Manager develops IGA for tri-county RCV collaboration	New	New	New	1
Outcome	Percent of RCV software package purchased	New	New	New	100%

Performance Measures Descriptions

The output measure refers to the IGA that the Project Manager will help negotiate between Multnomah, Clackamas and Washington counties for the successful implementation of Ranked Choice Voting for the City of Portland which spans all three counties. The outcome measure refers to the software that will be required to conduct Ranked Choice Voting. Part of this program offer covers the initial licensing costs of this software upgrade to the ballot layout and tally software.

Legal / Contractual Obligation

The items funded by this program offer will create ballots, provide staff assistance for implementing RCV, and help the County meet the needs of voters learning about RCV that will be implemented as required by: Oregon Revised Statutes 246.200, which provides county clerks are responsible for conducting elections; Portland City Charter, Article 1, Section 3-102, which requires use of RCV to commence with the 2024 general election; and Multnomah County Home Rule Charter, Chapter XI, 11.15(4), which requires using RCV no later than the 2026 general election.

Revenue/Expense Detail

	Adopted General Fund	Adopted Other Funds	Department Requested General Fund	Department Requested Other Funds
Program Expenses	2023	2023	2024	2024
Personnel	\$0	\$0	\$163,000	\$0
Contractual Services	\$0	\$0	\$150,000	\$0
Materials & Supplies	\$0	\$0	\$150,000	\$0
Total GF/non-GF	\$0	\$0	\$463,000	\$0
Program Total:	\$0		\$463,000	
Program FTE	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00

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

Explanation of Revenues

This program is supported by one-time-only County general funds.

Significant Program Changes

Last Year this program was: