

Program #90009B - Charter Reform RCV Voting Support
FY 2025 Adopted

Department: Community Services **Program Contact:** Tim Scott
Program Offer Type: Operating **Program Offer Stage:** Adopted
Related Programs: 90009A, 90010A
Program Characteristics: One-Time-Only Request

Executive Summary

This program offer provides funds for one full-time position in the Elections Division, which will support implementation of ranked choice voting. The position will support voter education and outreach efforts for implementation of RCV for City of Portland contests by the 2024 General Election and for Multnomah County contests by the 2026 General Election. The one-time-only (OTO) personnel funds will pay for continuation of a limited duration voter education and outreach Program Technician (bilingual) position that was established as a limited duration position on a pilot basis with OTO funds in FY 2023 and then funded again in FY 2024 with OTO funds.

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 Bilingual Program Technician assists in culturally-specific voter education, community outreach, data collection and communications, thereby building the Elections Division's capacity to support voting for citizens who speak a language other than English. The Program Technician directly supports RCV implementation, 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	Performance Measure	FY23 Actual	FY24 Budgeted	FY24 Estimate	FY25 Target
Output	Outreach interactions with voters about RCV.	N/A	1,000	1,000	1,000
Outcome	Percentage of social media posts.	N/A	100%	100%	100%

Performance Measures Descriptions

The performance measures for FY25 include 1) the number of voter outreach interactions with voters at in person events by the VEO program tech position 2) the percentage of social media posts posted by the Voter Education and Outreach Program Technician on the Elections social media channels.

Legal / Contractual Obligation

The position funded by this program offer will help Multnomah County meet the needs of voters learning about Ranked Choice Voting 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 use of RCV no later than the 2026 general election.

Revenue/Expense Detail

	Adopted General Fund	Adopted Other Funds	Adopted General Fund	Adopted Other Funds
Program Expenses	2024	2024	2025	2025
Personnel	\$0	\$0	\$121,099	\$0
Materials & Supplies	\$0	\$0	\$11,858	\$0
Total GF/non-GF	\$0	\$0	\$132,957	\$0
Program Total:	\$0		\$132,957	
Program FTE	0.00	0.00	1.00	0.00

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

Explanation of Revenues

This program is supported by County General Funds.

Significant Program Changes

Last Year this program was:

This is a new program offer.