

Legal / Contractual Obligation

Multnomah County Code of Ordinances, Chapter 5, describes the process for county initiative/referendum petitions and how to fill vacancies in county elective offices. Multnomah County Administrative Rules, Multnomah County Language and Effective Communication Policy, Oregon Administrative Rules, Chapter 165, addresses state-wide uniformity in the conduct of elections. Oregon Revised Statutes, Chapters 246 through 260, provide legal authority for conducting elections in Oregon. Federal mandates (Title VI of the Civil Rights Act, The Voting Rights Act, The National Voter Registration Act, The Help America Vote Act and the Military and Overseas Empowerment Act) establish election administration standards.

Revenue/Expense Detail

	Adopted General Fund	Adopted Other Funds	Proposed General Fund	Proposed Other Funds
Program Expenses	2020	2020	2021	2021
Personnel	\$1,868,950	\$0	\$1,951,773	\$0
Contractual Services	\$1,126,387	\$0	\$1,442,128	\$0
Materials & Supplies	\$707,172	\$0	\$436,287	\$0
Internal Services	\$1,080,089	\$0	\$1,121,302	\$0
Total GF/non-GF	\$4,782,598	\$0	\$4,951,490	\$0
Program Total:	\$4,782,598		\$4,951,490	
Program FTE	12.00	0.00	12.00	0.00

Program Revenues				
Intergovernmental	\$75,000	\$0	\$80,000	\$0
Other / Miscellaneous	\$0	\$0	\$21,659	\$0
Service Charges	\$1,199,121	\$0	\$1,362,459	\$0
Total Revenue	\$1,274,121	\$0	\$1,464,118	\$0

Explanation of Revenues

Some revenue is generated through reimbursements from districts for their apportioned share of the cost of an election. Election expenses are always reimbursed by special districts. Special elections called by the State or cities are reimbursed by the State or the city calling the election. By state law, cities and the State cannot be charged for the cost of the election in the primary or general election. The county must pay for those district's apportioned cost in these elections. In addition to election reimbursement, the budget has revenue of \$6,650 for reimbursement of costs related to petition processing. Two smaller special elections are included in the FY 2020 budget at \$350,000 each. The May Special District Election is also in the budget at \$631,179. Budget amounts for these special elections are calculated at 100% reimbursement. Reimbursement for the Presidential general election in November 2020 is budgeted at 3%, or \$24,630. Revenue also includes \$80,000 in projected revenue from the State for costs associated with Oregon Motor Voter. This funds 1.00 FTE whose primary job function is to process new voter registrations, many of which originate from the DMV.

Significant Program Changes

Last Year this program was: FY 2020: 91010A-20 Elections

In order to meet the 2% general fund constraint this program offer was reduced by \$102,178. In anticipation of unprecedented interest in and turnout for the November 2020 Presidential general election, the Elections Division prioritized statutorily mandated functions like voter registration and printing, mailing and processing ballots. To cover the reduction, Elections was unable to fund the ballot tracking and voter communication program or the November 2020 voters' pamphlet. Neither of these items are statutorily mandated but they are key components to voter engagement, education and access. Related program offer 90010C has been submitted to request restoration of those two popular programs.