

Division: Elections

Program Characteristics:

Program Description

Multnomah County Elections manages voter registration, provides public education, administers Federal, State, and local elections, and enforces County campaign finance regulations. The division is committed to conducting transparent, accurate, accessible, and accountable elections, with a focus on excellent customer service and providing equitable resources for communities of color, people with disabilities, and those whom English is not their primary language.

This program offer provides funding for all aspects of the elections process, including salaries for 15 full-time employees and up to 200 on-call election workers. It also covers the cost of materials and supplies for up to four elections per year, vendor contracts for ballot printing, mailing, and technology services, as well as necessary County facilities and support services. Key election administration activities include daily voter registration and record maintenance; ensuring accurate address and district data for correct ballot delivery; verifying signatures on petitions for city and local candidates and initiatives; processing candidate and measure filings; issuing and mailing ballots; managing 30 ballot drop sites; receiving and processing returned ballots; conducting the ballot count; and releasing and certifying election results. The Elections Division is also responsible for the County's campaign finance contribution limits and disclosure program, which involves educating candidates, enforcing program requirements, and investigating complaints.

Equity Statement

The Elections Division ensures voter success by offering various education tools: voter registration and election information translated into the top six county languages; assistance for voters with disabilities and those needing native language support; a second customer service location in Gresham open during elections for regional accessibility; a countywide voters' pamphlet mailed to every household; ballot tracking and messaging; and regular press releases detailing upcoming deadlines.

Revenue/Expense Detail

	2026 General Fund	2026 Other Funds	2027 General Fund	2027 Other Funds
Personnel	\$3,362,686	\$0	\$3,556,472	\$0
Contractual Services	\$1,693,456	\$0	\$1,656,703	\$0
Materials & Supplies	\$732,125	\$0	\$723,400	\$0
Internal Services	\$1,433,425	\$0	\$1,497,886	\$0
Total GF/non-GF	\$7,221,692	\$0	\$7,434,461	\$0
Total Expenses:	\$7,221,692		\$7,434,461	
Program FTE	15.00	0.00	15.00	0.00
Program Revenues				
Service Charges	\$1,431,466	\$0	\$1,305,001	\$0
Total Revenue	\$1,431,466	\$0	\$1,305,001	\$0

Performance Measures

Performance Measure	FY25 Actual	FY26 Estimate	FY27 Target
Number of voter registration transactions	170,075	160,000	180,000
Number of ballots issued to voters	1,140,988	1,026,150	1,140,000