

Department: Community Services

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Program Offer Type: New

Program Offer Stage: Proposed

Related Programs: 90010A

Program Characteristics:
Executive Summary

This program offer provides ongoing funds to account for increasing costs and decreasing revenue to support important elections infrastructure, including: increasing maintenance costs of elections signature verification systems and ballot extraction hardware, and the elimination of Oregon Motor Voter funding.

Program Description

The Elections Division faces a combination of increasing costs and decreasing revenue to sustain elections infrastructure that is critical to administering elections. This program offer provides ongoing funds for increasing costs of technology maintenance fees for signature verification systems and hardware maintenance fees for semi-automated ballot extractors. The program offer also provides ongoing funds to offset the elimination of Oregon Motor Voter (OMV) funding, which provided annual funding to the County in each of the last eight years. The OMV funding has been used to fund one FTE that helps process the increased voter registration activity brought about by OMV. This program offer will continue funding that position. The ongoing funds provided by this program offer address stand-alone elections infrastructure issues that would otherwise require reductions in other areas of the budget that could create risk of failure in statutorily mandated services. The funds also support the Elections North Star foundational values of Secure, Accurate and Transparent Elections and Healthy and Resilient Team.

Performance Measures

Measure Type	Primary Measure	FY22 Actual	FY23 Budgeted	FY23 Estimate	FY24 Offer
Output	Percent of ballot envelopes opened with semi-automated extractors	New	New	New	100%
Outcome	Percent of registration position paid previously by OMV funds.	New	New	New	85%

Performance Measures Descriptions

The output measure refers to the percentage of ballot envelopes that are opened by the semi-automated extraction machine. The outcome measure refers to the position that was previously funded by payments from the state to offset the costs of Oregon Motor Voter. This program offer will continue to fund that position through the general fund.

Legal / Contractual Obligation

County Code of Ordinances, Chapter 5, addresses initiative/referendum petition process and filling county office vacancies. County Administrative Rules, Language, Communication and Cultural Access Policy, Oregon Administrative Rules, Chapter 165, addresses uniformity in conduct of elections. Oregon Revised Statutes, Chapters 246 to 260, provide authority for conducting elections. Federal Title VI of the Civil Rights Act, the Voting Rights Act, National Voter Registration Act, Help America Vote Act, and 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	2023	2023	2024	2024
Contractual Services	\$0	\$0	\$133,000	\$0
Total GF/non-GF	\$0	\$0	\$133,000	\$0
Program Total:	\$0		\$133,000	
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 ongoing County general funds.

Significant Program Changes

Last Year this program was: