

Division: Elections

Program Characteristics: New Request, One-Time-Only Request

Program Description

In November 2022, voters passed two measures: City of Portland Measure 26-228 and Multnomah County Measure 26-232. These measures require the implementation of ranked choice voting (RCV) for City contests by the 2024 General Election and for County contests by the 2026 General Election. This program offer provides one-time funding (OTO) to cover the administrative costs of running RCV elections for Multnomah County and City of Portland candidate contests in the 2026 general election.

RCV requires a significant amount of ballot space. Instead of using just one column on a three-column ballot, RCV contests need all three columns to allow for the six possible rankings per candidate. Because Oregon's general election ballot is already crowded, an extra ballot page will be necessary to accommodate RCV for Multnomah County and City of Portland candidate contests. Program 90010C will fund the printing, mailing, and processing of this additional ballot page.

Equity Statement

Data from the November 2024 RCV contests showed significantly lower participation and higher levels of voter errors in City of Portland District 1, which has significant overlap with the eastern portion of Multnomah County in County Districts 2, 3 and 4. To address the geographic disparities in participation and understanding of RCV, culturally relevant voter education materials and efforts will be created and targeted to voters in East Multnomah County.

Revenue/Expense Detail

	2026 General Fund	2026 Other Funds	2027 General Fund	2027 Other Funds
Personnel	\$0	\$0	\$26,000	\$0
Contractual Services	\$0	\$0	\$314,000	\$0
Total GF/non-GF	\$0	\$0	\$340,000	\$0
Total Expenses:	\$0		\$340,000	
Program FTE	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
Total Revenue	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0

Performance Measures

Performance Measure	FY25 Actual	FY26 Estimate	FY27 Target
Number of ranked choice voting ballots printed and processed in November 2026	461,778	N/A	575,000
Number of on-call Election Workers trained to adjudicate ranked choice voting ballots	10	N/A	15