

Program #90010D - Ranked Choice Voting One Time Only

FY 2025 Proposed

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

Executive Summary

This program offer provides one-time-only (OTO) funds for three components of ranked choice voting (RCV) implementation for City of Portland candidate contests in the 2024 general election: continued funding for the limited duration full-time Project Manager position to oversee implementation of RCV, the additional ballot page necessary for RCV contests, and media buys with traditional and social media outlets to ensure voters are educated on how to successfully vote RCV ballots.

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. Elections initiated this work immediately following passage of City and County Charter measures and continues toward successful implementation in FY 2025.

RCV Project Manager: Initially funded in FY 2024, the limited duration RCV Project Manager position will continue to oversee Multnomah County's implementation of RCV. In addition to managing internal implementation efforts, the Project Manager will work with staff from the City of Portland, State, and Clackamas and Washington counties to coordinate updates to election codes and regulations, implementation of multicounty RCV contests, updates to technology for RCV elections administration and results reporting, and development and implementation of voter education campaigns.

RCV Ballots: RCV contests take up significant space on the ballot. Instead of only using one column of a three-column ballot, RCV contests use all three columns in order to provide space for the six rankings possible for each candidate in the contest. Due to Oregon's already crowded general election ballot, an additional ballot page will be necessary for City of Portland contests. 90010D will provide funding for printing, mailing and processing the additional page.

Media: Ensuring that all voters are well informed is critical to successful implementation of RCV. County staff continue to work closely with the City of Portland on education efforts, and broad distribution through various media outlets of education products created through this collaboration will ensure that voters are well informed.

Performance Measures

Measure Type	Performance Measure	FY23 Actual	FY24 Budgeted	FY24 Estimate	FY25 Target
Output	Number of RCV ballot cards processed	NEW	NEW	0	389,000
Outcome	Percent of City of Portland voters that became aware of RCV through media campaign	NEW	NEW	0	60%

Performance Measures Descriptions

These performance measures benchmark the level of success of implementing ranked choice voting in Multnomah County.

Legal / Contractual Obligation

The items funded by this program offer will create ballots, provide staff assistance for implementing RCV, and help the County meet the needs of voters learning about RCV 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 using RCV no later than the 2026 general election.

Revenue/Expense Detail

	Adopted General Fund	Adopted Other Funds	Proposed General Fund	Proposed Other Funds
Program Expenses	2024	2024	2025	2025
Personnel	\$0	\$0	\$162,469	\$0
Contractual Services	\$0	\$0	\$413,950	\$0
Total GF/non-GF	\$0	\$0	\$576,419	\$0
Program Total:	\$0		\$576,419	
Program FTE	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00

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

Explanation of Revenues

Significant Program Changes

Last Year this program was: