

Department: Community Services **Program Contact:** Jessica Berry
Program Offer Type: Existing Operating Program **Program Offer Stage:** As Proposed
Related Programs:
Program Characteristics: One-Time-Only Request

Executive Summary

The Levee Ready Columbia program supports work to secure the Columbia River levees' accreditation, reduce the risk of catastrophic flooding and protect the health and resilience of County communities and the broader region. The FY 2021 budget includes a cash contribution to fund the program administration of the Levee Ready Columbia partnership to ensure that the region addresses federal requirements for levee accreditation.

Program Summary

As a regional partner in Levee Ready Columbia, the County has supported the work necessary to ensure improvements are identified and addressed within four drainage districts along the Columbia River levee system in Multnomah County. Failure to address identified deficiencies puts communities at risk of flooding and poses a risk of loss of levee accreditation under the Federal Emergency Management Agency's (FEMA) National Flood Insurance Program as well as noncompliance with the US Army Corps of Engineers Rehabilitation and Inspection Program.

The partnership has made major accomplishments in the past five years, including completing evaluations of the levee systems, securing federal investment through a US Army Corps of Engineers New Start project, and successfully advocating for the passage of state legislation to create a new Urban Flood Safety & Water Quality District with the authorities necessary for long-term governance and funding of the levee system. Work is currently underway to transition to the new district governance, coordinate with the US Army Corps of Engineers on a feasibility study for modernizing the system, and scope remediation projects for completion of the certification and accreditation processes. This work will be supported by Levee Ready Columbia program staff funded through partnership financial contributions until the new district is able to collect revenue.

In addition to providing financial support to Levee Ready Columbia, the County will continue to act as the fiscal agent in administering State grants and loans secured in 2016 for the regional partnership. The County will also continue to provide representation in partnership meetings.

Performance Measures

Measure Type	Primary Measure	FY19 Actual	FY20 Budgeted	FY20 Estimate	FY21 Offer
Output	Participation in levee accreditation process	100%	100%	100%	100%
Outcome	Number of grant/loan contracts administered	2	2	2	2

Performance Measures Descriptions

Success is measured by participation in levee accreditation process and administration of grants and loans.

Legal / Contractual Obligation

County commitments include contractual loan repayment obligations to the project and cash contribution for FY 2021.

Revenue/Expense Detail

	Adopted General Fund	Adopted Other Funds	Proposed General Fund	Proposed Other Funds
Program Expenses	2020	2020	2021	2021
Contractual Services	\$0	\$50,000	\$0	\$50,000
Total GF/non-GF	\$0	\$50,000	\$0	\$50,000
Program Total:	\$50,000		\$50,000	
Program FTE	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00

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

Explanation of Revenues

Program is supported by Video Lottery Funds in the projected amount of \$50,000.

Significant Program Changes

Last Year this program was: FY 2020: 91014-20 Levee Ready Columbia