

Legal / Contractual Obligation

Multnomah County Code of Ordinances, Chapter 5, Elections, describes the process for county initiative/referendum petitions in Multnomah County as well as how to fill vacancies in county elective offices. Oregon Administrative Rules, Chapter 165, addresses state-wide uniformity in the conduct of elections by each county. Rules deal with issues such as County Voters' Pamphlets and Voting by Mail. Oregon Revised Statutes, Chapters 246 through 260, provide the legal authority for all aspects of conducting elections in Oregon. There are also Federal mandates. The Voting Rights Act, The National Voter Registration Act, The Help America Vote Act and the Military and Overseas Empowerment Act establish election administration standards.

Revenue/Expense Detail

	Proposed General Fund	Proposed Other Funds	Proposed General Fund	Proposed Other Funds
Program Expenses	2014	2014	2015	2015
Personnel	\$1,381,572	\$0	\$1,296,453	\$0
Contractual Services	\$313,300	\$0	\$399,667	\$0
Materials & Supplies	\$1,151,670	\$0	\$1,265,863	\$0
Internal Services	\$759,767	\$0	\$719,321	\$0
Total GF/non-GF	\$3,606,309	\$0	\$3,681,304	\$0
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Program FTE	10.00	0.00	10.00	0.00

Program Revenues				
Service Charges	\$955,615	\$0	\$1,118,213	\$0
Total Revenue	\$955,615	\$0	\$1,118,213	\$0

Explanation of Revenues

Most revenue is generated through reimbursements from districts for their apportioned share of the cost of an election. Election expenses are always reimbursed by special districts. Special elections called by the State or Cities are reimbursed by the State or the City calling the election. By state law, Cities and the State cannot be charged for the cost of the election in the Primary or General election. The County must pay for those district's apportioned cost in these elections.

During FY 15 two smaller special elections are included in the budget at \$257,947 each. A larger special election in May 2015 is in the budget at \$563,526. Budget amounts for all these special elections are calculated at 100% reimbursement. Reimbursements for the general election in November 2014 are budgeted at 4%, or \$30,293.

In addition to election reimbursement, the budget has revenue of \$6,000 for boundary changes and \$2,500 for petitions.

Significant Program Changes

Last Year this program was: 91008 Elections