

Legal / Contractual Obligation

Multnomah County Code of Ordinances, Chapter 5, Elections, describes the process for county initiative/referendum petitions and how to fill vacancies in county elective offices. Multnomah County Administrative Rules, Multnomah County Language and Effective Communication Policy, Oregon Administrative Rules, Chapter 165, addresses state-wide uniformity in the conduct of elections by 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. Federal mandates (Title VI of the Civil Rights Act, 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	2019	2019	2020	2020
Personnel	\$1,843,942	\$0	\$1,868,950	\$0
Contractual Services	\$454,715	\$0	\$1,126,387	\$0
Materials & Supplies	\$1,441,202	\$0	\$707,172	\$0
Internal Services	\$1,037,549	\$0	\$1,080,089	\$0
Total GF/non-GF	\$4,777,408	\$0	\$4,782,598	\$0
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Program FTE	12.00	0.00	12.00	0.00

Program Revenues				
Intergovernmental	\$75,000	\$0	\$0	\$0
Other / Miscellaneous	\$20,000	\$0	\$0	\$0
Service Charges	\$1,239,178	\$0	\$1,199,121	\$0
Total Revenue	\$1,334,178	\$0	\$1,199,121	\$0

Explanation of Revenues

Some 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. In addition to election reimbursement, the budget has revenue of \$6,650 for reimbursement of costs related to petitions processing.

Two smaller special elections are included in the FY 2018 budget at \$352,022 each. The November Special Election is also in the budget at \$462,550. Budget amounts for these special elections are calculated at 100% reimbursement. Reimbursement for the Presidential primary election in May 2020 is budgeted at 3%, or \$25,877.

Significant Program Changes

Last Year this program was: FY 2019: 91010A-19 Elections

In order to meet general fund constraint, the Elections budget has been reduced by \$105,250. This reduction has been distributed between three special election budgets: September 2019 (\$7,578), November 2019 (\$90,094), and March 2020 (\$7,578). Reductions were taken from the budgets for temporary staffing, overtime, professional services and printing. Reducing temporary staffing and overtime budgets introduces the risk that inadequate funding will result in slower processing time for ballots. These reductions also eliminate the flexibility the Division has to use temporary staff to develop new processes and procedures for future high-turn out elections, such as the 2020 Presidential election. Further, these reductions come at a time when Elections is experiencing significant growth in voter registration (100,000 new voters since 2015). Restoration program offer 91010C-20 has been proposed to restore these reductions.