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**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 resiliency of county communities and the broader region. The FY 2020 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 project is a multi-year effort entering its fifth year. The past four years focused on conducting evaluations of the levee systems and studying options for long-term governance solutions. Future work will include developing levee improvement project alternatives, implementation of improvements, creation of a long-term governance structure and completion of certification and accreditation processes. This work will be supported by Levee Ready Columbia program staff funded through partnership financial contributions.

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	FY18 Actual	FY19 Purchased	FY19 Estimate	FY20 Offer
Output	Participation in levee accreditation process	100%	100%	100%	100%
Outcome	Number of grant/loan contracts administered	0	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 FY20.

## Revenue/Expense Detail

	Proposed General Fund	Proposed Other Funds	Proposed General Fund	Proposed Other Funds
Program Expenses	2019	2019	2020	2020
Contractual Services	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$50,000
<b>Total GF/non-GF</b>	<b>\$0</b>	<b>\$0</b>	<b>\$0</b>	<b>\$50,000</b>
<b>Program Total:</b>	<b>\$0</b>		<b>\$50,000</b>	
Program FTE	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00

Program Revenues				
<b>Total Revenue</b>	<b>\$0</b>	<b>\$0</b>	<b>\$0</b>	<b>\$0</b>

## 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 2019: 91014-19 Levee Ready Columbia

Staff support was required in previous years of this program to oversee the levee evaluation process for Sauvie Island and participate in project management and technical assistance to support the regional Levee Ready Columbia partnership. Sauvie Island's levee evaluation and remediation projects are complete and documentation supporting accreditation will be submitted to FEMA during FY19. Levee Ready Columbia is creating a new interim board and technical work is transitioning from evaluation to capital project planning. With these changes, technical work will be overseen by Levee Ready Columbia program staff funded through partnership cash contributions during FY20.