

**Department:** County Management

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**Program Offer Type:** Support

**Program Offer Stage:** As Proposed

**Related Programs:**
**Program Characteristics:**
**Executive Summary**

The Applications Support (App Support) Program designs, develops, and deploys technology solutions for the entire Division. App Support is also responsible for managing DART's application software and hardware through configuration, support and collaboration with external IT vendors and internal business partners. Furthermore, App Support performs the functions necessary to produce the certified annual tax roll, which includes calculating tax rates, taxes, and producing tax statements. As a result of these efforts, this program also maintains vital information necessary for both internal and external data requests, essential in developing statutorily required reports and providing transparency to Multnomah County stakeholders.

**Program Summary**

DART's Applications Support (App Support) Program designs, develops, and deploys technology solutions, through collaboration with IT business partners that create efficiencies, standardizations, improve data integrity, and generate sustainability across the entire division. App Support performs the functions of extending and certifying the annual tax roll; including calculating tax rates and taxes, producing tax statements, and producing reports required by the Oregon Department of Revenue. As a result, the program assists in answering public and media questions about property tax bills, contributing to the accountability factor of the public's perception of fairness in assessing and collecting property taxes. In addition to certifying the annual tax roll, the Program responds to requests for information by developing data files for both internal and external customers. The Program manages the working relationship with the application software and hardware vendors, as well as the County IT business partners; including consulting on contract formulation, implementation, support, and project management. The Program answers user questions, resolves problems, and provides expert recommendations on the effective use of the Division's business application systems.

Using the equity lens, we have adjusted the way we offer services to benefit the community we serve in addition to our staff. As a result of COVID, we have transitioned to more flexible, technological, customer focused solutions that provide for safe, effective remote contact. This is providing the same, if not better, customer service while balancing the work-life balance and safety of staff and the community.

**Performance Measures**

Measure Type	Primary Measure	FY20 Actual	FY21 Budgeted	FY21 Estimate	FY22 Offer
Output	Number of requests and support activities	3500	3600	3500	3500
Outcome	% of Requests Associated with Program Revenue	4%	4%	4%	4%
Output	Tax Statements Generated En Masse	333,374	335,000	350,000	350,000

**Performance Measures Descriptions**

The Number of Requests & Support Activities measures an Activity representing a single request or contact, even if that request is for 5 data files to be created and sent to the client. The percent of Requests Associated with Program Revenue indicates the portion of the program's work activities associated with a portion of our revenue. Tax Statement Production numbers can fluctuate due to factors beyond the control of the Assessor.

## Legal / Contractual Obligation

Functions in this program are regulated under Oregon Revised Statutes (ORS) Chapters 92,205,294,305,306,307,308,308A,309,310 and 321 . Through the County Assessment Function Funding Assistance (CAFFA) Grant process described in ORS 294.175, the DOR determines the acceptable level of staffing. According to the DOR, Multco's assessment and taxation staffing is adequate to meet ongoing statutory needs; however, DOR staffing guidelines are indicating a deficiency in recommended FTE within assessment areas including this unit.

## Revenue/Expense Detail

	Adopted General Fund	Adopted Other Funds	Proposed General Fund	Proposed Other Funds
Program Expenses	2021	2021	2022	2022
Personnel	\$913,600	\$0	\$936,022	\$0
Contractual Services	\$9,500	\$0	\$9,500	\$0
Materials & Supplies	\$411,633	\$0	\$424,263	\$0
Internal Services	\$301,468	\$0	\$354,851	\$0
<b>Total GF/non-GF</b>	<b>\$1,636,201</b>	<b>\$0</b>	<b>\$1,724,636</b>	<b>\$0</b>
<b>Program Total:</b>	<b>\$1,636,201</b>		<b>\$1,724,636</b>	
<b>Program FTE</b>	6.25	0.00	6.25	0.00

Program Revenues				
Intergovernmental	\$147,424	\$0	\$149,908	\$0
Other / Miscellaneous	\$40,000	\$0	\$40,000	\$0
<b>Total Revenue</b>	<b>\$187,424</b>	<b>\$0</b>	<b>\$189,908</b>	<b>\$0</b>

## Explanation of Revenues

Participation in the Oregon Department of Revenue County Assessment Function Funding Assistance (CAFFA) Grant provides reimbursement of approximately 15% of Assessment & Taxation program expenditures. Grant amounts vary depending upon the overall state-wide CAFFA pool and the allocated percentage to each participating county. Multnomah County's total annual share of CAFFA is estimated at \$3,004,161 with \$149,908 allocated to DART Applications Support program. Program revenue of \$40,000 is from service fees for access to Assessment & Taxation information (subscription website user fees) and requests for Assessment and Taxation data files. Service fees are authorized by Department of County Management Fee Ordinance. Fees are projected based upon historical trends. Remaining Program support is provided by General Fund revenues.

## Significant Program Changes

**Last Year this program was:** FY 2021: 72037 DART Applications Support

There will be an implementation of an E-File product that will have an impact on the budget.