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Program Offer Type: Existing Operating Program **Program Offer Stage:** As Proposed
Related Programs:
Program Characteristics:

Executive Summary

The Construction Diversity and Equity Fund program ensures that County construction projects support a diverse local workforce and provides suppliers a fair opportunity to compete for county contracts regardless of owner ethnicity, gender, disability or firm size. The program strengthens the County's commitment to increasing diversity, equity and opportunity in our workforce and business community.

Program Summary

Jobs in the fields of construction, professional services and contracting are stable, family wage jobs, but as a result of a history of discrimination and other barriers, jobs in these fields have not been equally available to all people. Through the Construction Diversity and Equity Fund (CDEF) program, the County sets aside one percent (1%) of the County Construction Cost and one percent (1%) of other funds' Construction Costs (when permitted by other funding entities) into the CDEF. In addition, any liquidated damages assessed by the County for Workforce Training & Hiring (WFTH) non-compliance on projects subject to the WFTH program shall be placed in the CDEF.

The CDEF program supports three initiatives, (1) the development of a diverse, local construction workforce through support of Bureau of Labor and Industries (BOLI) certified pre-apprenticeship programs, (2) support and retention services for new employees to the workforce, and (3) technical assistance, mentoring and training for suppliers (businesses) in the fields of construction-related professional services or contracting that have been certified by the Oregon Certification Office for Business Inclusion and Diversity, aka COBID-Certified Firms.

Performance Measures

Measure Type	Primary Measure	FY20 Actual	FY21 Budgeted	FY21 Estimate	FY22 Offer
Output	Number of workers served in BOLI Pre-Apprenticeship Programs	NA	15	0	15
Outcome	Number of workers able to maintain employment due receiving direct support and retention services.	NA	30	14	25
Output	Number of COBID Certified firms receiving technical assistance, mentoring, and training.	N/A	30	14	25

Performance Measures Descriptions

Due to COVID, pre-apprenticeship programs were largely shut down. We expect these to reopen in FY22. WE believe that direct support for both workers and COBID certified firms was depressed due to COVID.

Legal / Contractual Obligation

Multnomah County Board Resolution No.2018-024 - Resolution Approving Amendments to Public Contract Review Board Rules Division 60 on Equal Opportunity in Public Contracting, Effective July 1, 2018

Revenue/Expense Detail

	Adopted General Fund	Adopted Other Funds	Proposed General Fund	Proposed Other Funds
Program Expenses	2021	2021	2022	2022
Contractual Services	\$110,000	\$0	\$137,450	\$0
Total GF/non-GF	\$110,000	\$0	\$137,450	\$0
Program Total:	\$110,000		\$137,450	
Program FTE	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00

Program Revenues				
Other / Miscellaneous	\$110,000	\$0	\$65,000	\$0
Beginning Working Capital	\$0	\$0	\$72,450	\$0
Total Revenue	\$110,000	\$0	\$137,450	\$0

Explanation of Revenues

The CDEF program is funded by two sources. The first is Liquidated Damages assessed by the County for Workforce Training & Hiring (WFTH) non-compliance on projects subject to the WFTH program. The second is one percent of the general fund County Construction Cost of each Construction Project, and one percent of other fund's Construction Cost, when permitted by other funding entities participating in funding the Construction Project. The budget in the current fiscal year consists of funds collected from these two sources in the previous fiscal year.

Significant Program Changes

Last Year this program was: FY 2021: 72044 FRM Construction Diversity and Equity

Spending of CDEF funding has not been as aggressive as we had hoped due to COVID. Specifically, the pre apprenticeship training programs have had a difficult time conducting classes, and COBID certified business assistance applications have lagged.