



Multnomah County Requested Budget

FY 2027 (July 1, 2026 - June 30, 2027)

Community Services Add Package Name

DCS-AP-1: 90010E - Election GIS Support

Type	Priority	Impacted Program Offer(s)
Addition	1	90010E - Elections GIS

OTO / Ongoing	Total Expenses	Total FTE	General Fund	Other Funds
Ongoing	\$160,000	1.00 FTE	\$160,000	

Program Offer Description

This program requests funding for a new 1.00 full-time equivalent (FTE) position within the Elections Division. This staff member would focus on supporting the division's Geographic Information System (GIS) needs and overseeing the strategic management of its technology systems.

During the May 2024 election, mapping and districting errors caused over 9,000 voters to receive the wrong ballot styles. The Elections Division quickly corrected the mistakes and sent out the correct ballots to all affected voters in time for the election. Following this, Chair Jessica Vega Pederson mandated a review and after-action report on the mapping errors, which was conducted by The Elections Group and Election Data Services (EDS) between June and August 2024. The final report recommended: "We recommend that Multnomah County formally allocate GIS staff time to Elections work. This could take the form of hiring someone within Elections with GIS training – likely with a range of responsibilities that included mapping and other technical or voter registration-related tasks." Furthermore, the Elections Division relies on several complex, specialized technology systems critical for accurate, transparent, and efficient elections. These systems require specific expertise for their operation and integration with the overall program.

This new position is intended to lower the risk of future failures by providing dedicated GIS support and review. The staff member will also evaluate election operations, workflows, and practices, and recommend improvements for specialized information systems and other technologies.

Equity Statement

Transparent and error-free elections are crucial for building public confidence in the integrity of the election system. Implementing precise GIS Mapping and strategic technology management will serve to further eliminate technical barriers to voting and rebuild trust. This guarantees every voter, regardless of location, receives the correct ballot.

Performance Measure	FY 2025 Actual	FY 2026 Estimate	FY 2027 Target
Number of address and district attributions managed	New	New	365,000
Number of technology systems managed	New	New	19

Ledger Category Expenses

Ledger Category

Personnel	\$143,934
Materials & Supplies	\$3,886
Internal Services	\$12,180

Job Profile and FTE Additions

Job Profile Name

Data Analyst	1.00 FTE
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