



Public Health

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Public Health: Statutory Responsibilities

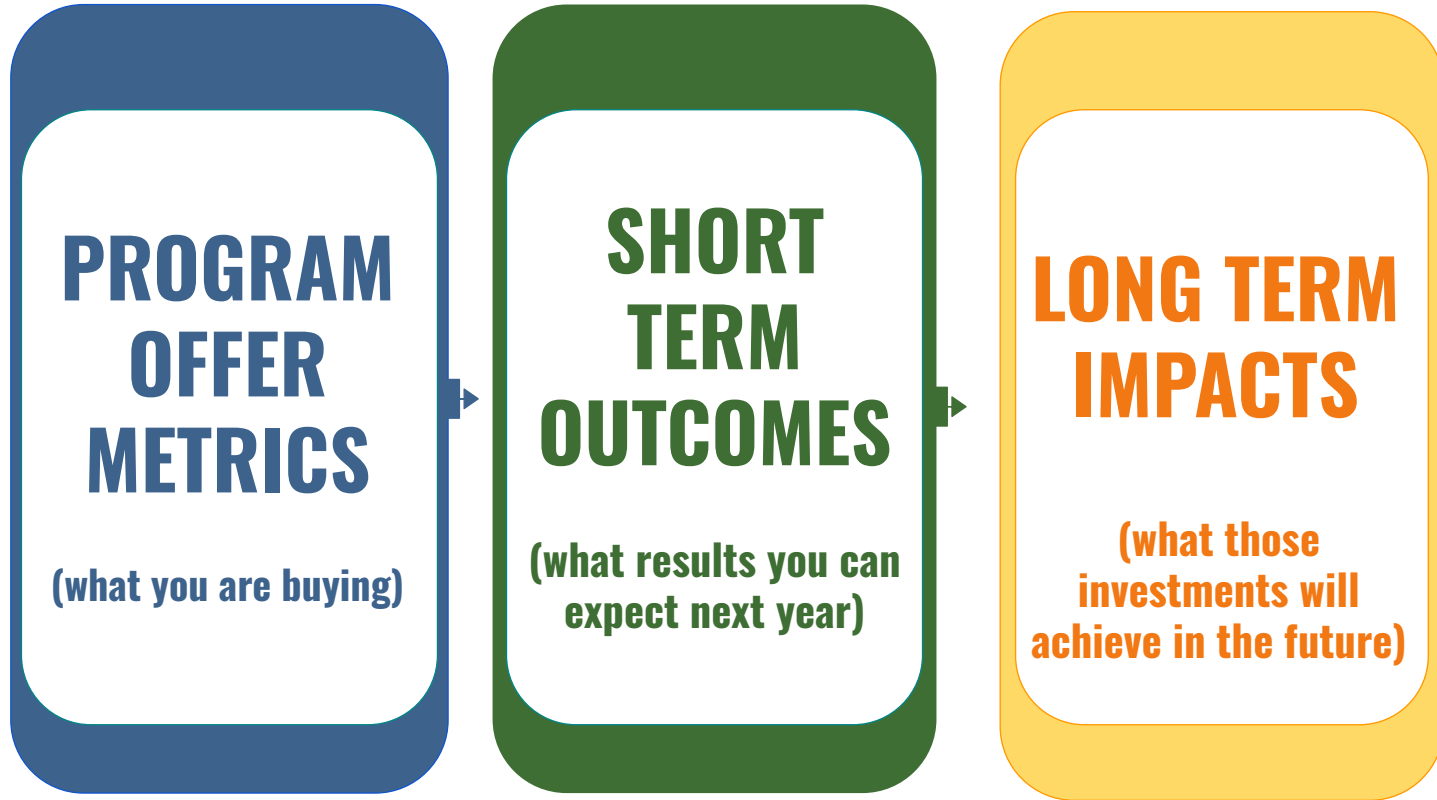


Public Health
Prevent. Promote. Protect.

Local Public Health Authority (LPHA)

- Collect and report health statistics
- Control and prevent disease and injury
- Provide environmental health services
- Promote health information and refer services
- Provide parent and child health services

Public Health: How the Budget Delivers



PROGRAM OFFER METRICS



Diseases Investigated & Outbreaks Identified



Mosquito Sites Treated & Environmental Investigations



STI Appointments & HIV Services



Birth & Death Certificates Issued



WIC Clients Receive Healthful Foods & Nutrition Education



Parents & Children Served by PCFH Programs



Health Inspections & Food Handlers' Cards Issued



Tobacco Retail Inspections Conducted



Certificate of Immunization Status



Diseases + Conditions Tracked & Reported



Dissemination Products Created



Review PHD Program Offer Metrics Monthly

SHORT TERM OUTCOMES



Fewer diseases spread between residents



Public health services are easily available, reducing inequities in health



Businesses & residents better understand threats to public health



Decisions are measured, tracked, & are transparent to the public

LONG TERM IMPACTS



MultCo Residents are Safe Where They Live, Shop, and Play



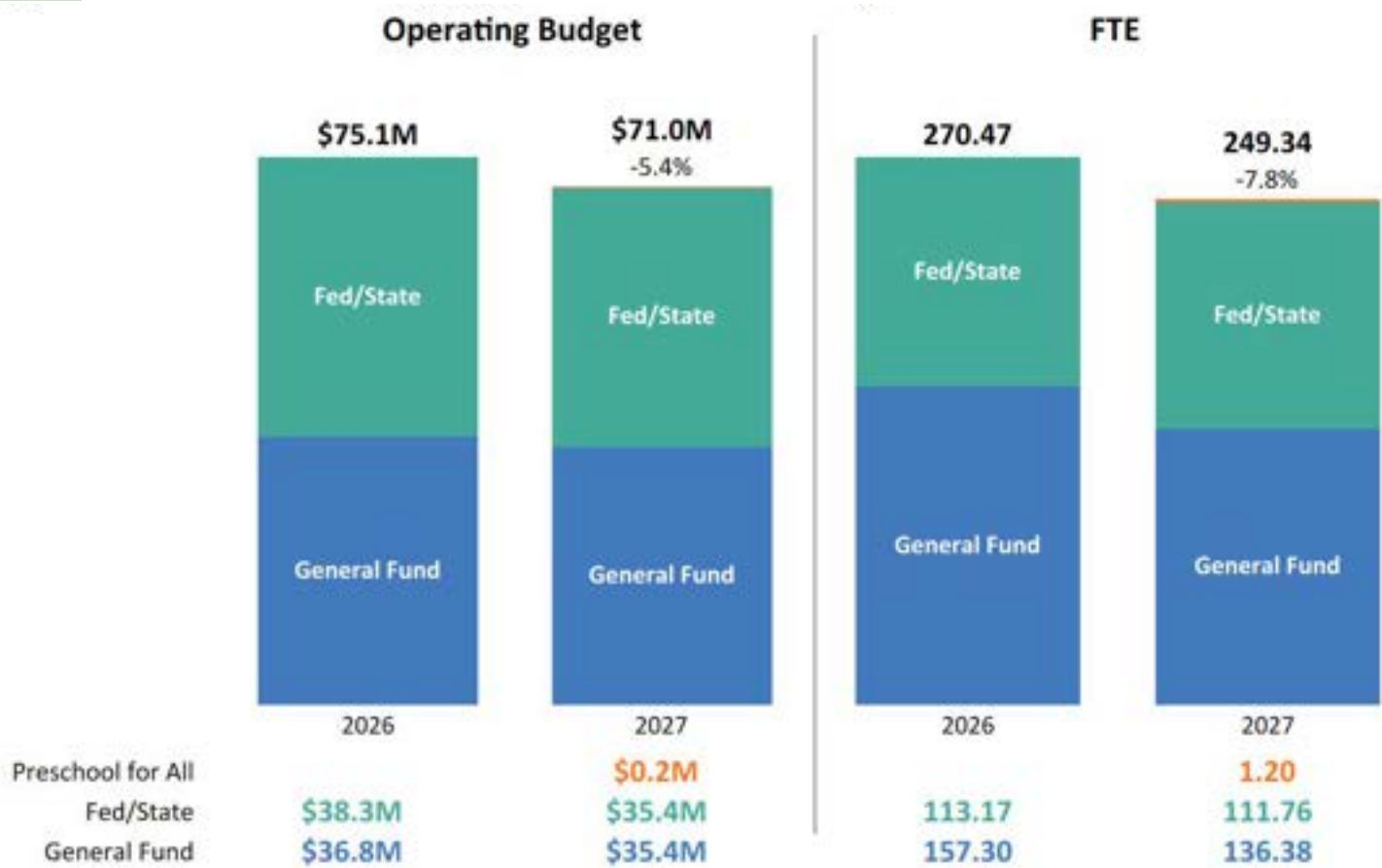
Preventable Deaths are Reduced

Public Health: How the Budget Delivers

FY 2027 anticipated numbers:

- **2,700** disease reports investigated, **100** outbreaks identified
- **11,600** mosquito sites and treated areas
- **50,700** engagements with clients who are living with or at risk for STI/HIV
- **35,700** death certificates and **4,900** birth certificates issued
- **19,500** WIC clients who receive healthy foods and **57,000** nutrition education contacts
- **15,200** parent, child, family health visits
- **25,400** facility licenses and food handlers' cards issued
- **1,600** tobacco retail inspections

Public Health: Operating Budget & FTE



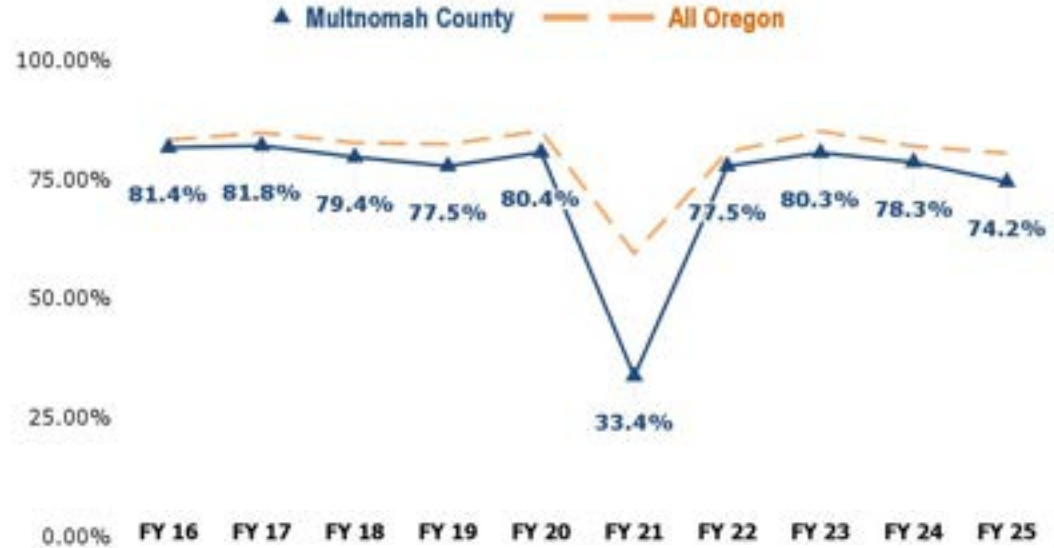
Public Health: Licensing Fees

- **Health Inspection Fees \$8.3 million**
 - Fees collected under **County Code** and an **Intergovernmental Agreement** with Oregon Health Authority.
 - Fees cover costs of the licensing and inspections of various facilities including **restaurants, mobile units, tourist facilities, schools and child care programs.**
- **Tobacco Licensing Fees \$880,000**
 - Multnomah County is required by Multnomah County Code and state law to license and inspect tobacco retailers. The proposed increases in license and penalty fees **align with Oregon Tobacco Retail Licensing fees.**

Public Health: Immunization Status

Outcome Statement:

Percent of children who receive a letter from the County about being behind on required immunizations who then successfully submit a completed "Certificate of Immunization Status Form" to their school within 21 days.



Data Source: Oregon Health Authority IRIS (Immunization Record Information System) Exclusions

KPI Title	FY 2026 Estimate	FY 2027 Target
Successfully Submitted Immunization Forms	75%	80%

Public Health: Challenges and Responses

Challenges



Erosion of public trust



Resurgent diseases



Chronic disease burden



Climate driven disease and injury shifts



Social determinants of health

Responses and Investments

- Prioritize foundational communication and community engagement
- Increase investments in epidemiologist
- Stabilize access to STI/Harm Reduction
- Leverage community and health system partners
- Focus on leading causes of death
- Investments in vector control
- Continue investments in woman, infant, child health

Public Health: Maximizing Program Efficiency

To stabilize the communicable disease prevention and STI services

- Moved the STI disease investigators from PO #40010A to PO #40010B, **STI Clinical and Community Services**
 - Creates efficiencies by combining two programs that need to share information

Healthy Birth Initiative and Healthy Families

- Added to PO #40097, **Parent Child Family Health**
 - Creates efficiencies by streamlining the process for screening, intake, and referrals, with administrative and billing staff providing service across home visiting programs

Public Health: Reductions

Program Offer #	Program Offer Name or Reduction Description	General Fund Reduction	Internal GF Reductions	Other Funds	Total Reductions	Total FTE Reductions
Environmental Health Services						
40008	Vector-Borne Disease Prevention and Code Enforcement		(127,743)		(127,743)	(1.00)
40037	Environmental Health Community Programs		(132,030)	(121,263)	(253,293)	(1.00)
HIV/STI Prevention and Harm Reduction						
40010B	STI Clinical and Community Services		(10,125)	(233,433)	(243,558)	0.00
40011	Services for Persons Living with HIV - Regional Education and Outreach			(257,499)	(257,499)	0.00
40061	Harm Reduction	(1,140,704)		(936,557)	(2,077,261)	(5.80)

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Communicable Disease Services						
40010A	Communicable Disease Prevention and Control			(92,835)	(92,835)	0.00
Epidemiology, Evaluation and Policy Research						
40048	Epidemiology, Evaluation, and Policy Research			(127,916)	(127,916)	0.00
Women, Infants, and Children (WIC)						
40018	Women, Infants, and Children (WIC)	(432,353)		(166,223)	(598,576)	(3.60)
Prevention and Health Promotion						
40053	Prevention and Health Promotion			(1,006,041)	(1,006,041)	(2.20)

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Parent, Child, and Family Health						
40097A	Parent, Child, and Family Health Management		(502,360)	(519,382)	(1,021,742)	(3.30)
	Grand Total	(1,573,057)	(772,258)	(3,461,149)	(5,806,464)	(16.90)



Health Officer Division

Dr. Richard Bruno,
Health Officer

Health Officer Division: Statutory Requirements



Tri-County Health Officers

Legally required physician authorization ([ORS 431.418](#))



Medical Examiner Office

Medical Examiner investigates every suspicious death ([ORS 146.065](#))



EMS system

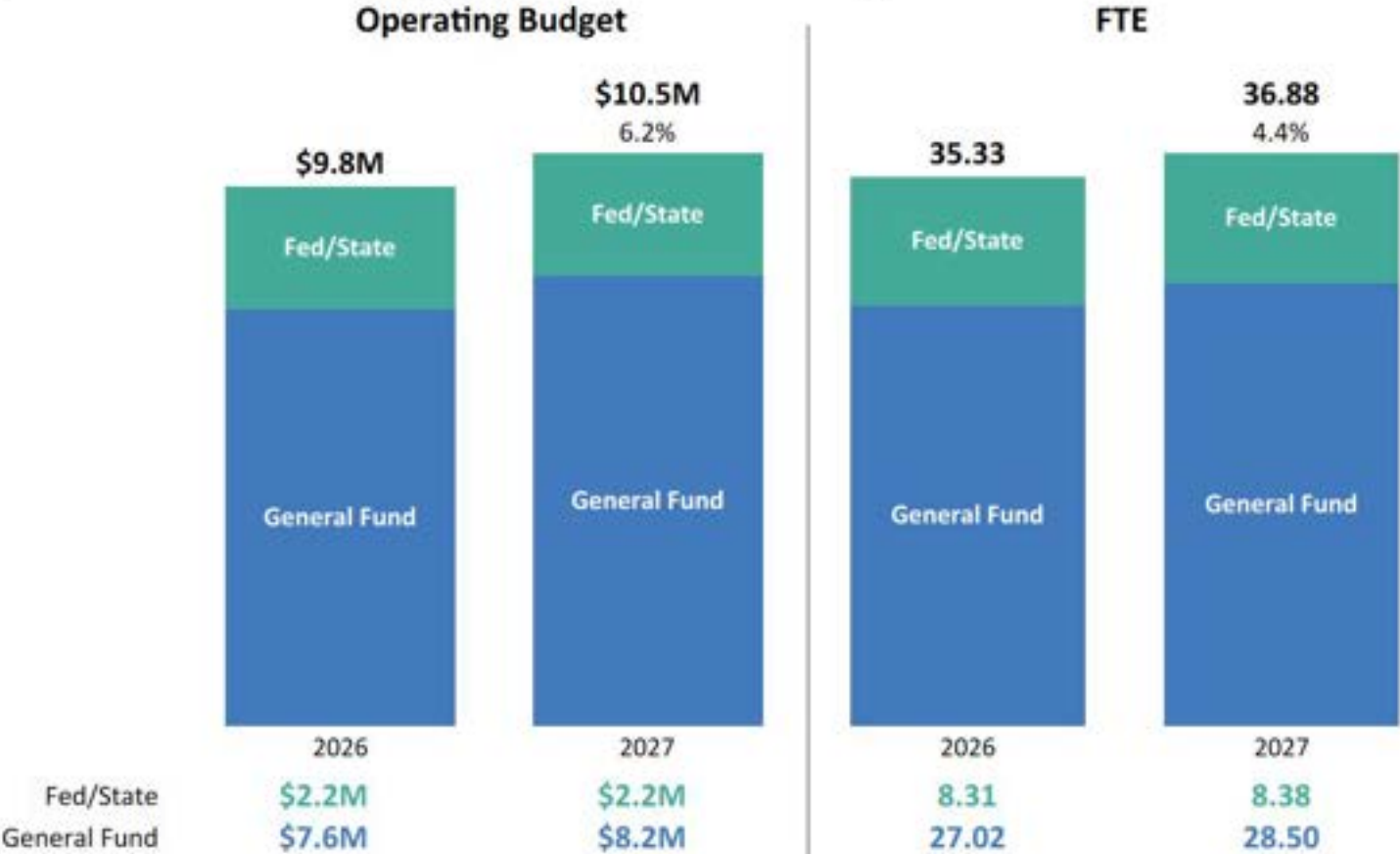
Multnomah County is the sole entity responsible for the coordination of ambulance services ([ORS 682.062](#))



Emergency Response

Public Health Emergency Preparedness and Response is a legal responsibility and a foundational capability ([ORS 431.133](#))

Health Officer: Operating Budget & FTE



Health Officer: How the Budget Delivers



- **Regional coordination** among tri-county health officers



- Investigate the cause and manner of **1 in 3** deaths in the County - **1,550** scene responses



- Continuing Quality Improvement of our **EMS system**, including assessing our Ambulance Service Plan



- Emergency Preparedness coordination

Health Officer: Outcome Statement/KPI

Outcome Statement:

Medical coordination for communicable disease infections throughout the tri-county region will be maintained through coordinated responses, consistent messaging, and collaboration across public health systems in Clackamas, Multnomah, and Washington Counties.

KPI Title	FY 2026 Estimate	FY 2027 Target
Percentage of high-priority communicable disease surveillance, investigation, and response protocols consistently coordinated across the Tri-County area.	100% of high-priority communicable disease events are consistently coordinated per response protocols.	100% of high-priority communicable disease events are consistently coordinated per response protocols.

Health Officer: Challenges and Responses

Challenges

- Growing population means more deaths and more death investigations.
- Medical Reserve Corps funding and support is dwindling prompting potential demobilization of these licensed medical professional volunteers who help during emergencies.

Responses and Investments

- Added 2.00 Death Investigator FTE to the Medical Examiner's office to handle scheduling demands and the increased load.
- Having Health Department-based Emergency Manager position support the Medical Reserve Corps.

Health Officer: New, OTO, & Backfill

Program Offer #	Program Offer Name	General Fund	GF Backfill	Other Funds	Total	OTO	New
40004B	Ambulance Service Plan Continuation	362,000	0	0	362,000	X	0