

Department of Community Services

FY 2027 Proposal for General Fund Reductions to meet 5% Constraint (as of 2/13/2026)

Priority Order	FY 2027 Prog #	Program Name	Brief Description	General Fund	General Fund FTE	Are reduced positions vacant or filled?	Rationale	Equity Impacts
1	90007	Animal Services Animal Care	Eliminate the animal enrichment program.	(423,292)	(3.00)	Filled	This reduction will eliminate the enrichment program. This decision is made due to the program not being a statutory or code requirement.	This reduction has significant service and equity impact for staff, the community and the pets in the care of MCAS. Loss of the enrichment program reduces FTE by 3.0. It also significantly impacts the quality of life of pets in the care of MCAS and will likely result in reduced rates of adoptions and transfers.
2	90021	Land Use Planning	Reduction of Planner 1 position.	(149,023)	(1.00)	Filled	The Planner 1 position was added in FY 2026 to improve customer service by increasing response times to calls and emails, adding more public appointments, and reducing review time for common application types. The current LUP team processes over 500 permits yearly and already carries a heavy workload; the position was intended to help spread the caseload and support timely decisions.	This reduction will slow customer response times, compromising the capacity to increase access to planners and address customer service deficiencies that were highlighted in the DCS survey. The elimination of the position will compromise the team's capacity to spread the caseload and efficiently allocate cases, thus continuing the heavy workload on the existing LUP staff.
3	90010	Elections	Eliminate November 2026 and May 2027 voters' pamphlets.	(211,929)	0.00	N/A	Eliminates the cost of printing and delivering the November 2026 and May 2027 voters' pamphlets to every household in the county. Contractual services costs for printing the pamphlets and postage for delivering the pamphlets would be eliminated.	Elimination of printing and delivering the November 2026 and May 2027 County Voters' Pamphlet which is printed and delivered to all households will impact both printed election and voter registration information for voters in Multnomah County. Currently this information is printed in English with information provided in print and online for six additional languages. A large-print pamphlet and audio guide are also produced for voters' with visual impairment.
4	90000	DCS Directors Office	Reduction in travel and training, funding for the equity committee, and safety program funding.	(91,218)	0.00	N/A	This reduces funds for the DCS Safety program which focused on workers safety and training, and reduces funds for the DCS Equity program. Lastly, this reduces funds for Travel and Training.	This funding is important to impliment our values of safety and equity - to put funds to our values so that employees recieve the equity and safety traning and resources they need to impliment those values.
5	90006	Animal Services Field Services	Eliminate field services dispatcher position.	(134,054)	(1.00)	Vacant	This position was the third position in this classification for this team and the intent was to provide more robust coverage across the 7 day a week scheduling in order to more effectively respond to community calls and creation of dispatch tasks for animal control officers.	The elimination of this position will impact service because with only two dispatchers to cover 7 days a week, there will be times when there is no coverage due to illness, vacation or training. Dispatch is an essential function of the field services team, so when a dispatcher is out, field officers must be pulled out of the community to work the dispatch desk in order to ensure that calls are answered, information is provided and jobs are created.
6	90005	Animal Services Client Services	Eliminate Office Assistant Senior position on the animal client services team.	(130,534)	(1.00)	Vacant	The staff on this team manage the call center, front desk reception, facilitate return to owner functions and licensing. Additionally they take calls that become dispatch jobs for the field services team and provide pet and animal related information and assistance.	Loss of this position will likely impact response times as well as create staffing burden for the team related to distribution of the work and coverage of the essential functions for client services, as MCAS is a seven day a week operation.
7	90010	Elections	Vacate Elections space at Yeon.	(143,093)	0.00	N/A	Vacate space at Yeon that is currently used for storage and preparing ballots returned by drop box during elections.	Due to the small garage access at the Elections building, the Yeon facility is used as an offsite ballot facing location during larger volume elections. This reduction moves all ballot facing and vehicle congestion back to the Elections office. The primary impact to operations is safety. Many vehicles moving through the Elections garage while staff are working on facing and moving from one area to another is a safety risk that has led to accidents in past elections.
Total				(1,283,143)	(6.00)			

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FY 2027 Prioritized **Ongoing** Additional General Fund Requests (as of 2/13/2026)

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1	90010B	Elections GIS	This program offer provides funding to add a position to Elections that would focus on supporting the GIS needs of the division as well as oversee the strategic management of technology systems within the division.	\$160,000	1.00	New	This position will reduce risk of future failure by providing GIS support and review and evaluate election operations, workflows, and practices as well as identify and recommend improvements of specialized information systems and other technologies.	Ensuring all voters receive the correct ballots requires accurate map and address data. Transparent and error-free elections are crucial for building public confidence in the integrity of the election system. This is particularly vital for communities of color, who have historically faced disenfranchisement through government policies and laws designed to restrict their participation in elections.
Total				\$348,000	2.00			

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FY 2027 Prioritized **One-Time-Only** Additional General Fund Requests (as of 2/13/2026)

Priority Order	FY 2027 Prog #	Program Name	Brief Description	General Fund	General Fund FTE	Rationale	Equity Impacts
1	90010C	Elections Ranked Choice Voting	This represents the operational costs of conducting ranked choice voting (RCV) including printing, mailing, and processing of the additional ballot page.	\$340,000	0.00	Ranked Choice Voting (RCV) requires more ballot space, needing all three columns instead of one to allow for six possible rankings per candidate. Due to Oregon's crowded general election ballot, an extra page is required for RCV contests in Multnomah County and the City of Portland. Program 90010C will fund the printing, mailing, and processing of this additional page.	Data from the November 2024 RCV contests showed significantly lower participation and higher levels of voter errors in City of Portland District 1, which has significant overlap with the eastern portion of Multnomah County in County Districts 2, 3 and 4. Owing to these geographic disparities in participation and understanding of RCV, voter education materials and efforts will be culturally-relevant, and targeted to voters in East Multnomah County.
2	90010D	Elections Ranked Choice Voting	Funds on-call outreach staff, a ballot insert, a countywide mailer, targeted paid advertising, a mock ranked choice voting (RCV) election platform, as well as the design, translation, and printing of new and existing RCV educational materials.	\$260,515	0.00	RCV Voter Education is essential for successful Ranked Choice Voting. County staff will collaborate with the City of Portland on education initiatives and distribute materials. Funding (90010D) will cover on-call outreach staff, a ballot insert, a countywide mailer, targeted ads, a mock RCV election platform, and the design, translation, and printing of new and existing RCV educational materials.	Data from the November 2024 RCV contests showed significantly lower participation and higher levels of voter errors in City of Portland District 1, which has significant overlap with the eastern portion of Multnomah County in County Districts 2, 3 and 4. Owing to these geographic disparities in participation and understanding of RCV, voter education materials and efforts will be culturally-relevant, and targeted to voters in East Multnomah County.
3	90018B	ADA Ramps	Funding the continued progress of bringing all county-owned curb ramps into ADA compliance.	\$1,500,000	0.00	The FY 2027 program offer for \$1.5 M will advance the design of the first bundle of 63 ramps, all of which are in urban east county. If funding is available in FY 2028 to continue the plan, design will be completed on this bundle and ROW acquisition will be initiated. In FY 2029, ROW would be completed and all 63 ramps would be constructed.	The Prioritization of curb ramp replacement in the plan is based on ramp condition, proximity to critical services (medical, libraries, schools, groceries), and areas with high concentrations of vulnerable populations (low-income, seniors, people with disabilities, limited English proficiency, people of color). Ramps are also grouped to create efficient bundles that can be constructed at the best value for the County funds expended
4	90021B	LUP Zoning Code Improvement Project	The program proposes funding for the final year of the three-year Zoning Code Improvement Project, aimed at improving the clarity and usability of the Multnomah County Zoning Code. The project has been funded previously through a combination of one-time Board funding and funding from the DCS Director's office.	\$100,000	0.00	Rewrite and finalize county zoning code.	The Code is currently complex and difficult to understand. Reformatting and rewriting the code will make it easier for everyone to understand, including residents for whom English is a second language, and residents who are less familiar with legal and technical language
Total				\$2,200,515	0.00		