

#### Program #90010B - Presidential Election

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Department:Community ServicesProgram Contact:Tim ScottProgram Offer Type:Existing Operating ProgramProgram Offer Stage:As Adopted

Related Programs: 90010A

Program Characteristics: One-Time-Only Request

#### **Executive Summary**

In anticipation of unprecedented interest in and turnout for the 2020 presidential election cycle, this program offer will provide one-time-only funding for additional temporary and limited duration staffing, supplies and technology that will support an accurate, transparent and efficient November 3, 2020 Presidential Election.

#### **Program Summary**

The presidential general election is the largest election in the 4-year cycle. Voter registration, customer service demand and ballot turnout increase with high turnout elections. In order to be prepared, Elections must increase staffing to support extra demand, purchase additional supplies and replace technology that supports critical systems.

The Elections Division operates year round with 12.00 FTE and obtains additional capacity with a large pool of on-call, temporary election workers. In large election cycles like this one, Elections will need to utilize up to 300 on-call workers for everything from voter outreach to processing returned ballots. New this cycle, Elections will supplement its full time staff with two limited duration office assistant senior positions to improve the ratio of full time to on-call staff. Funding will also be used to pay for additional traffic control and security at all Election facilities.

Elections has seen significant growth in voter registration since the last Presidential election cycle which, combined with anticipated high turnout could lead to more than 100,000 more ballots returned for the November 2020 general election. Funds from this program offer will purchase additional supplies that will support the processing of up to 500,000 ballots returned such as, additional carts, trays, shelving and boxes for collecting ballots from drop sites.

In order to be ready for the November election, Elections will need to replace many work stations and servers that support critical systems. These computers are approaching end of life and need to be replaced to ensure smooth operation of these systems throughout the election cycle. Additionally some of the funds from this program offer will be used to enhance security, covering items such as additional video cameras and fire suppression systems for 24 hour ballot drop boxes.

Performan	Performance Measures									
Measure Type	Primary Measure	FY19 Actual	FY20 Budgeted	FY20 Estimate	FY21 Offer					
	Number of election planning meetings attended by temporary staff	N/A	8	8	10					
Outcome	Average number of days the Voting Center Express is open to the public	13	15.5	17.5	17.5					

#### **Performance Measures Descriptions**

Number of election planning meetings attended by temporary staff captures the need to develop effective, well-trained temporary staff to support the 2020 election cycle. Average number of days the Voting Center Express is open to the public captures a key service that will be expanded through this program offer.

## **Legal / Contractual Obligation**

Multnomah County Code of Ordinances, Chapter 5, describes the process for county initiative/referendum petitions and how to fill vacancies in county elective offices. Multnomah County Administrative Rules, Multnomah County Language and Effective Communication Policy, Oregon Administrative Rules, Chapter 165, addresses state-wide uniformity in the conduct of elections. Oregon Revised Statutes, Chapters 246 through 260, provide legal authority for conducting elections in Oregon. Federal mandates (Title VI of the Civil Rights Act, The Voting Rights Act, The National Voter Registration Act, The Help America Vote Act and the Military and Overseas Empowerment Act) establish election administration standards.

# Revenue/Expense Detail

	Adopted General Fund	Adopted Other Funds	Adopted General Fund	Adopted Other Funds
Program Expenses	2020	2020	2021	2021
Personnel	\$0	\$0	\$253,667	\$0
Contractual Services	\$0	\$0	\$44,000	\$0
Materials & Supplies	\$0	\$0	\$152,333	\$0
Total GF/non-GF	\$0	\$0	\$450,000	\$0
Program Total:	\$0		\$450,000	
Program FTE	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00

Program Revenues					
Total Revenue	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	

# **Explanation of Revenues**

Additional revenue associated with the Presidential General Election has been included in the regular Elections program offer 90010A.

## Significant Program Changes

Last Year this program was: