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Program Offer Type: Existing Operating Program **Program Offer Stage:** As Requested
Related Programs:
Program Characteristics: In Target

Executive Summary

The Multnomah County Office of Sustainability was established in 2010 to help plan, implement and coordinate the County's environmental sustainability programs. The Office of Sustainability's mission is to work with County Departments and the community to promote programs and policies that lead to a more equitable, prosperous, and environmentally sound Multnomah County. We envision a Multnomah County that is: Equitable, Livable, Healthy, Resilient, and Low-Carbon. Equity and environmental justice are core guiding principles that shape the office's approach to policy and programs.

Program Summary

The Office of Sustainability works with the community and County departments to develop unique partnerships that help make Multnomah County a better place to live, work, and do business. The Office is not only committed to a healthy planet but also firmly roots our work in the County's mission to protect the most vulnerable in our community. This value shapes how we approach sustainability, an approach based on achieving social, economic, and environmental justice.

Major focus areas for FY 2022 include implementing the Climate Justice Initiative, implementation of the Commercial Building Property Assessed Clean Energy program (PropertyFit), planting trees in low income low tree canopy neighborhoods in Gresham, advancing the County's ability to engage in Environmental Justice work through the development of the Board adopted Environmental Justice Snapshot, pursue policies that reduce human exposure to harmful air pollutants, and supporting a culture of resource-conservation in County operations. The Office will accomplish these goals by working with the County's elected leaders to develop and respond to new policies; by providing technical support to County departments and community organizations; through direct program delivery; partnership and co-creation with frontline-led community based organizations and community members; and through research, data analysis, and reporting.

The Office will lead the Climate Action Plan update in a new direction, one fully rooted in a community vision of a just transition and that centers frontline community voices. This reimagining of climate action rooted in environmental justice and committed to a community led process of co-creation will produce a new type of climate action plan based on a community driven consensus on how to build a more resilient and decarbonized community. The Office of Sustainability will also work to implement the Board's commitment to 100% renewable energy by 2050 through a partnership with business and community to develop sound strategies that will decarbonize our economy and build wealth and autonomy in our communities. The Office will prioritize the decarbonization of the electric grid.

Performance Measures

Measure Type	Primary Measure	FY20 Actual	FY21 Budgeted	FY21 Estimate	FY22 Offer
Output	Number of unique County employees engaged with programming offered by the Office of Sustainability.	1,012	1,000	369	1,000
Outcome	Decrease in community wide greenhouse gas emissions over 1990 levels based on trend line analysis.	19%	17%	19%	20%
Output	Total number of advisory committee meeting volunteer hours	N/A	N/A	52	100
Outcome	Percent Energy burdened Multnomah County Households	24%	N/A	24%	24%

Performance Measures Descriptions

Greenhouse gas emissions data are several years lagging, in this case the most recent year for which data is available is 2018. These data are also reported on a calendar year basis. An individual or family is considered energy burdened if they spend 6% or more of their income on energy costs. Energy burdened household data comes from <https://energyinfo.oregon.gov/2020-counties/2020/11/1/multnomah-county>

Revenue/Expense Detail

	Adopted General Fund	Adopted Other Funds	Requested General Fund	Requested Other Funds
Program Expenses	2021	2021	2022	2022
Personnel	\$656,281	\$40,000	\$698,408	\$15,000
Contractual Services	\$11,260	\$55,000	\$14,000	\$55,000
Materials & Supplies	\$41,362	\$0	\$25,496	\$0
Internal Services	\$63,553	\$0	\$56,486	\$0
Total GF/non-GF	\$772,456	\$95,000	\$794,390	\$70,000
Program Total:	\$867,456		\$864,390	
Program FTE	5.00	0.00	5.00	0.00

Program Revenues				
Intergovernmental	\$0	\$95,000	\$0	\$70,000
Total Revenue	\$0	\$95,000	\$0	\$70,000

Explanation of Revenues

East Multnomah Soil & Water Conservation District Green Gresham/Healthy Gresham Tree Planting Grant - \$70,000

Significant Program Changes

Last Year this program was: FY 2021: 10018A Office of Sustainability

In FY 2021, DEQ Woodsmoke Grant (\$25,000) ended.