



MULTNOMAH COUNTY
AGENDA PLACEMENT REQUEST (short form)

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Meeting Date: 8-16-12
Agenda Item #: UC.3
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Date Submitted: 8-15-12

Agenda Title: **RESOLUTION Approving Reimbursement to the County for County Sponsored Projects from Title III Funding for Fiscal Year 2012 and Authorizing Expenditures for Fiscal Year 2013**

Note: If Ordinance, Resolution, Order or Proclamation, provide exact title. For all other submissions, provide a clearly written title.

Requested meeting Date: August 23, 2012 **Amount of Time Needed:** 5 minutes
Department: Department of County Management **Division:** Director's Office
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Presenter(s): Julie Neburka

General Information

1. What action are you requesting from the Board?

The Department of County Management recommends approval of this resolution authorizing reimbursement to Multnomah County for County sponsored projects from Title III funding (SRS 2008).

2. Please provide sufficient background information for the Board and the public to understand this issue. Please note which Program Offer this action affects and how it impacts the results.

In June 2010, June 2011, and August, 2012, the Board approved resolutions electing the methods by which the County would receive federal forest safety net payments from the Forest Service and the Bureau of Land Management (BLM/O&C Lands). The resolutions were for expenditures after federal fiscal years 2010, 2011, and 2012. A portion of each of these payments was designated to be received as Title III project funds. Title III projects are approved by the Board and are paid for by the County out of Title III funds that it receives. The money is not dedicated to individual departments but is a County resource to be used for the following purposes:

- (1) carry out activities under the Firewise Communities Program to provide homeowners in fire sensitive ecosystems education and assistance with implementing techniques in home siting, home construction, and home landscaping that can increase the protection of people

and property from wildfires;

(2) reimburse the participating county for search and rescue and other emergency services, including firefighting that are performed on Federal land after the date on which the use was approved and paid for by the participating county; and

(3) develop community wildfire protection plans in coordination with the Secretary of Agriculture.

3. Explain the fiscal impact (current year and ongoing).

In FY 2012, the County received \$38,593 in Title III funds from the Forest Service and BLM. Interest earned on unexpended Title III funds was calculated to be \$91 for FY 2012. Total Title III revenue is \$38,684. These funds sit in the County General Fund, but are accounted for separately within a distinct Title III account in our SAP system for auditing purposes.

The County provides ongoing services to the public that qualify for funding under Title III. For the period July 1, 2011 through June 30, 2012, the following County projects qualify for Title III funding:

Fiscal Year 2011-2012 Title III Projects to Approve

Search and Rescue in National Forests

Sheriff's Office: \$245,344

Total County Title III eligible projects **\$245,344**

Since FY 2012 expenditures were already budgeted in the Sheriff's Office, there is no financial impact to the County for this documentation. These expenditures represent an amount greater than the Title III revenue received during the year. It is important that the County document all eligible Title III expenditures for auditing purposes.

It is estimated that the County will receive about \$36,944 in Title III payments during the current fiscal year. Based on FY 2012 projects, the department is proposing that the Board authorize the following estimated amounts for County FY 2013 Title III projects:

Fiscal Year 2012-2013 Title III Projects to Pre-Approve

Search and Rescue in National Forests -

Total Sheriff's Office, County Administration **\$36,944**

4. Explain any legal and/or policy issues involved.

The federal legislation requires that the County governing body approve projects for reimbursement from Title III funds. This resolution is the formal approval of these County projects by the Board.

The County has the ability to approve funding for eligible Title III project costs to groups outside of the County. Any project funds that are approved for use by outside groups would be a direct reduction to County General Fund revenue.

Approval of this resolution will permit the County to gain full credit for Title III funds already deposited into the County General Fund for FY 2012. This action is in support of County financial policies by taking full advantage of a federal/state funding source without expanding service costs and crediting Title III funds to programs that are already in place.

This legislation was reauthorized for four years on October 3, 2008 by Congress and the President, and was extended for one year in 2012. It is advised that these payments not be considered dedicated resources for ongoing programs.

5. Explain any citizen and/or other government participation that has or will take place.

As was required by the federal legislation, a public notice will be published and a 45-day comment period will begin in August, 2012, and will conclude in early October, 2012. Citizens will have the opportunity to provide written comments on the Multnomah County projects that will qualify under Title III.

Required Signature

**Elected Official or
Department/Agency
Director:**



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