



MULTNOMAH COUNTY

AGENDA PLACEMENT REQUEST (short form)

Board Clerk Use Only

Meeting Date: 8/24/2010
 Agenda Item #: BWS-1
 Est. Start Time: 9:30 am

Agenda Title: **Board Work Sessions to consider the County’s financial policies on the use of one-time resources and the Countywide impacts of State funding adjustments that will take effect in FY 2011.**

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

Requested Meeting Date: August 17 and 24, 2010 **Amount of Time Needed:** 2.5 hours per work session
Department: County Management **Division:** Budget Office
Contact(s): Mike Jaspin
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Presenter(s): Budget Office Staff and invited others.

General Information

1. What action are you requesting from the Board?

Participate in two work sessions to discuss the County’s financial policies on the use of one-time resources and to discuss the policy choices and attendant impacts to County programs as a result of adjustments in funding from the State that will be reflected in the current fiscal year. These discussions will address rebalancing the County’s budget with changed state resources and how those changes will be implemented.

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.

During the FY 2011 budget process, the Board requested a work session on the County’s financial policies regarding one-time resources, to include information about best practices, other jurisdictions’ policies for one-time-only funds, and our County policies and practices regarding reserves, pilot programs, “bridge” funding, and other uses for one-time resources. The first part of the work session on August 17th is set aside for a discussion of this topic.

The second part of the August 17th work session and all of the August 24th work session will focus on reductions in funding we receive from the State of Oregon. The state continues to address many funding challenges due to the current economic situation. As of July 1st, 2010, the state must implement \$577 million of budget reductions, some portion of which will flow down to County-operated programs. As we were wrapping up our FY 2011 budget, the County was still learning about the adjustments to balance the state’s budget for the remainder of the 2009-2011 biennium. We now have additional information about the adjustments and how they will affect our budget and

service delivery. The affected departments include:

- Department of Health and Human Services (DCHS)
- Health Department (HD) / Commission on Children, Families and Communities (CCFC)
- Sheriff's Office (MCSO)
- Department of Community Justice (DCJ)
- Library (LIB)

The Budget Office has collected data from departments about potential changes and department staff will present their findings to the Board. Information provided includes expenditure and revenue adjustments, client impacts, FTE impacts and reduction strategies. No decisions will be required from the Board at this worksession; however, we will be asking for any concerns and the need for a follow-up session for the Health Department, DCHS, DCS, and Library.

Proposed Agenda

➤ **August 17th**

- Introductions
- FY 2010 Ending Balance Update & Contingency Status (10 minutes)
- OTO Budget Note Policy Discussion (1 hour)
- State Funding Reductions & Impacts
 - Library
 - DCHS (45 minutes to 1 hour)
 - Health

➤ **August 24th**

- State Funding Reductions & Impacts Continued...
 - DCJ
 - MCSO
 - DA
- Discussion & Any Direction to Departments
- Next Steps

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

A fiscal summary will be presented at the worksession including any potential reductions and reduction strategies.

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

Oregon Budget Law does not require the Board to formally reduce appropriations to implement reductions; however, staff will return with budget modifications to formally reduce appropriations, if necessary. No vote is needed at this time.

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

N/A

Required Signature

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

Mindy Harris

Date: 8/2/10