



MULTNOMAH COUNTY AGENDA PLACEMENT REQUEST

(revised 08/18/11)

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Meeting Date:	5/31/12
Agenda Item	R.4
Est. Start	10:15 am
Date	5/21/12

Agenda Title: RESOLUTION Adopting the Financial and Budget Policies to be Used in Fiscal Year 2013 and Repealing Resolution 2011-074

Note: If Ordinance, Resolution, Order or Proclamation, provide exact title. For all other submissions, provide a clearly written title sufficient to describe the action requested.

Requested Meeting Date:	May 31, 2012	Time Needed:	10 minutes
Department:	County Management	Division:	Budget
Contact(s):	Karyne Kieta - Budget Director		
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Presenter Name(s) & Title(s):	Karyne Kieta – Budget Director, Mark Campbell - CFO		
I/O Address:	503/531		

General Information

1. What action are you requesting from the Board?

The Department of County Management recommends approving the Resolution adopting the Financial and Budget Policies for Multnomah County, Oregon for Fiscal Year 2013 and repealing Resolution 2011-074.

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.

The Financial and Budget Policies are required to be reviewed and adopted by the Board on an annual basis. The overarching goals of the policies are:

1. To preserve capital through prudent budgeting and financial management.
2. To achieve the most productive use of County funds that meets the goals of the Board of County Commissioners.
3. To achieve a stable balance between the County's ongoing financial commitments and the continuing revenues available to the County.
4. To leverage local dollars with federal and state funding/grants.
5. To support government accountability to the citizens of Multnomah County.

This year, there have been a number of changes to the policies to realign, streamline and strengthen them. The following summarizes the various changes and lists the policies affected:

Revision of Policy Language - deletes language that responds to statutory and legal requirements, transfers operational or administrative language to the County's administrative procedures, revises technical errors and addresses policies that were duplicated in other documents.

- Recovery of Indirect Costs
- User Fees, Sales and Service Charges
- Budgeted Fund Reserves
- Capital Asset and Transportation Planning Policies
- Internal Service Funds
- Interfund Loans

Discontinued Policies – transfers accounting practices to the County's Comprehensive Annual Financial Report (CAFR) or other sections of the adopted budget document.

- Accounting and Audits
- Fund Accounting Structure
- Liquidity and Accounts Payable
- Component Units of Multnomah County

Rewritten Policies – clarifies and strengthens the policy language and formalizes practices that were not previously documented in the financial policies;

- Long Term Liabilities
- Other Fund Balances
- Investments, Banking Services and Cash Management
- Short-term and Long-term Debt Financings

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

No immediate fiscal impact will result from adoption of this Resolution. The existence of financial and budget policies, and the County's adherence to them, has a positive effect on bond rating agencies which generally lowers interest rates paid by the County on bonds and other debt.

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


The policies incorporate the Government Finance Officers Association (GFOA) recommended best practices that were developed by the National Advisory Council on State and Local Budgeting (NACSLB).

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

None.

Required Signature

Elected Official
or Department
Director:



Date: 5/16/2012