



# Mt. Hood Cable Regulatory Commission

*Serving Multnomah County and the Cities of Fairview, Gresham, Portland, Troutdale & Wood Village*

## MEETING AGENDA

**October 13, 2025**

**6:30 p.m.**

**In-Person: MetroEast, 829 NE 8<sup>th</sup> Street, Gresham, OR 97030**

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- Roll Call
- Agenda Review
- Disclosures
- Public Comment (non-agenda items)
- Franchisee Activity Report
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### **\*CONSENT AGENDA – NO DISCUSSION**

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- C1. September 3, 2025 Regular Meeting Minutes
- C2. September 3, 2025 Retreat Meetings

### **REGULAR AGENDA**

- \*R1. Next Steps for the Commission – Policy Committee Recommendations 25 min
- R2. CMC Annual Report – (Information Only) 40 min
  - Open Signal – 15 min
  - MetroEast – 15 min
  - Commission Discussion – 10 min
- R3. FY2024-25 MHCRC Year-End Financial Report (unaudited) (information only) 20 min



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- Commission Discussion 10 min

R4. Peer Learning Event – (Information only) 5 min

Staff Activity

- Legislative Activity Report
- Consumer Protection Report
- Committee Reports
  - Finance Committee
  - Equity Committee
  - Policy Committee
  - Open Signal Board Appointee
  - MetroEast Board Appointee
- New Business; Commissioner Open Comment
- Meeting Schedule:
  - MHCRC Regular Meeting – November – Recess
  - MHCRC Finance Committee – November 24, 2025 - virtual
  - MHCRC Regular Meeting – Monday, December 15, 2025 6:30pm, Open Signal/Hybrid
  - MHCRC Regular Meeting – Monday, January 26, 2026 6:30pm, MetroEast/Hybrid
  - MHCRC Regular Meeting – Monday, March 16, 2026 6:30pm, Open Signal/Hybrid
  - MHCRC Regular Meeting – Monday, May 18, 2026 6:30pm, MetroEast/Hybrid
  - MHCRC Regular Meeting – Monday, June 15, 2026 6:30pm, Open Signal/Hybrid
- Public Comment
- Adjourn

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## MT. HOOD CABLE REGULATORY COMMISSION

Hybrid – Zoom and Wood Village City Hall

Council Chambers

24200 NE Halsey

Wood Village, OR 97060

September 3, 2025 REGULAR Meeting Minutes –

**DRAFT**

## SUMMARY MINUTES

### Call to Order 8:10 PM

#### Roll Call:

*Present:* Chair DeGraw; Vice Chair Harden; Commissioner Butt; Commissioner Dennerline; Commissioner Goodlow; Commissioner Thomas; Commissioner Underdahl; Commissioner Wagner

*Staff:* Seema Kumar, BPS Chief of Community Technology; Rana DeBey, MHCRC Community Grants Manager; Laura Dyer, MHCRC Compliance Analyst; Douglas Imaralu, MHCRC Financial Analyst; Kevin Block, Policy Coordinator; Kathleen Lefebvre, MHCRC Administrative Specialist

Chair DeGraw expresses appreciation for Meghan Moyer for her service as MHCRC Multnomah County Commissioner from January 2025 through June 2025. Chair DeGraw shared with the Commission both her contributions to MHCRC and her background and expertise that she brought into her role as Multnomah County MHCRC Commissioner.

- Agenda Review: none
- Disclosures: Vice Chair Harden noted that he had a meeting with Tim Goodman to put together a Computer Training Program at the Senior Center where he is employed as the Program Manager.
- Public Comment (non-agenda items): John Lugton from MetroEast Community Media – Gresham, Oregon – encourages the Commission to adopt recommendations by September 30, 2025 and forward to its member jurisdictions which includes its four east county cities to recommend a collaborative IGA or agreement with one of those jurisdictions for franchise oversight and revenue collection and disbursement for FY 26-27. More specifically, this is about forming a collective agreement between Gresham, Troutdale, Wood Village, Troutdale and Multnomah County and one of those jurisdictions to collect and disburse the Franchise Fees and PEG fees along with manage PEG Compliance Obligations. The grant agreements between MetroEast and the jurisdictional cities would therefore be closer to the communities it serves; MetroEast is seeking that funding for MetroEast would continue at 60% of the Franchise Fees of the jurisdictional cities; John notes that MetroEast is requesting that upon dissolution the PEG fee balance is disbursed 60% to Open Signal and 40% to MetroEast.

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C1. June 16, 2025 Meeting Minutes

**MOTION:** Vice Chair Harden moved to approve the consent agenda. Commissioner Goodlow seconded.  
**VOTE: 8-0 passed**

## REGULAR AGENDA

### \*R1. Launch 2025-26 Grant Cycle

Rana DeBey, MHCRC Grant Manager, shares that Staff is recommending that the Commission allocate the \$1 million that was budgeted this fiscal year to the competitive Community Technology Grant program for the 2025-2026 and establish a grant pre-application deadline of December 3, 2025.

**Discussion:** Commissioner Underdahl recommends that we table this agenda item until the Regular October Meeting on October 13<sup>th</sup>. Commissioner Thomas notes this does not require a vote to table a topic if there is Commissioner agreement. DeBey notes that tabling this item until the October meeting will conflict with her regularly scheduled information session that are typically held during that month.

Commissioner Thomas notes that we have already budgeted the Community Tech Grants for this Fiscal Year. Commissioner Underdahl notes given the conversation earlier in the evening it seems delaying this process to October makes sense. DeBey notes that to delay the process would impact the process greatly to move the pre-application date forward. DeBey notes that the informational meetings could be moved but it also has an impact on the overall cycle.

**MOTION:** Commissioner Underdahl moved to table the launch of the 2025-26 Grant Cycle until the October 13<sup>th</sup> Regular Meeting. Vice Chair Harden seconded.

**VOTE: 1 yes (Goodlow) - 1 abstain (Underdahl) - 6 no**  
**Motion Failed**

**MOTION:** Vice Chair Harden moved to launch the 2025-2026 Grant Cycle and establish a pre-application deadline of December 3, 2025. Commissioner Wagner seconded.

**Discussion:** Commissioners engage in conversation on reducing the grant budget or approving it as budgeted. Commissioner Underdahl shares concern that before we have decided on what is happening around sunseting this Commission and how we are going to approach the next year or two and in particular how we are going to fund the Community Media Centers in the future it doesn't seem sensible to approve the launch.

**VOTE: 6 yes - 2 abstain (Butt, Underdahl)**  
**Motion Passed**

\*R2. Off Cycle Grant Request – PCC: PCCTV Channell Media Asset Storage Solution (\$62,689)





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DeBey reviews the Off-Cycle Grant request from Portland Community College. DeBey notes that these off-cycle grant applications are reviewed on a case by case basis and first reviewed by the Equity Committee before bringing to the full Commission for approval.

**MOTION:** Commissioner Thomas moved to approve the Portland Community College Grant Request for \$62,689. Commissioner Dennerline seconded.

**VOTE: 8 -0 Passed**

### **\*R3. NEX Strategies Contract Amendment**

Seema Gadh Kumar reviews the contract amendment before the Commission for approval and the history of MHCRC's engagement with NEX Strategies and notes that Staff is recommending the Commission approve amending the NEX Strategies Contract to change the scope of work from strategic planning services to change management facilitation, helping MHCRC and its jurisdictional partners navigate decisions about the organization's future direction.

**Discussion:** Commissioners confirm with Staff that this is for expanding scope of work only and no other timeline or additional budget is requested nor needed for amending this scope of work amendment. Chair DeGraw makes the case that as Chair she leans very heavily on NEX Strategies to coordinate with Jurisdictions including guidance for her as Chair through the Strategic Planning process. Chair foresees the Commission engaging with NEX Strategies on the Policy Committee and adds that NEX Strategies adds a value that is different than Staff that is very beneficial to the Commission's transition. Chair DeGraw notes she has found their support as consultants in serving all interested parties to be uniquely beneficial and very different than what Staff provides. Chair DeGraw strongly recommends approval of this agenda item.

**MOTION:** Commissioner Underdahl moved to amend the NEX Strategies Contract to change the scope of work from strategic planning services to change management facilitation. Vice Chair Harden seconded.

**VOTE: 8 -0 Passed**

**New Business/Open Comment – none**

**Public Comment (agenda items) - none**

**\*Denotes a voting item**

**Adjourned: 9:10 pm**

Respectfully submitted,  
Kathleen Lefebvre





## TAKE CONTROL OF THE MEDIA

September 3, 2025

The MetroEast Board and Executive Leadership Team submit the following comments and input for consideration at the MHCRC Sept. 3, 2025, retreat, during the “Public Discussion-Media Centers” on the retreat agenda and the regular meeting on the same day under Public Comment.

### **Timing:**

In light of the Gresham Council direction to its staff on Sept. 2, MetroEast encourages the MHCRC to adopt recommendations by September 30, to forward to its member Jurisdictions, which includes the four East County cities and the County forming a collaborative IGA or services contract with one of those jurisdictions for franchise oversight and revenue collection and disbursement going forward in FY2026-27.

### **More specifically, we support a structure that:**

- Establishes a collective agreement among Gresham, Troutdale, Fairview, Wood Village and Multnomah County for one of these jurisdictions to collect and disburse franchise fees and the PEG fee and oversee compliance of PEG obligations of Comcast.
- Places administration and oversight of a MetroEast grant agreement for community media services close to the communities we serve.
- Continues to fund MetroEast services with 60% of the franchise fees and, going forward after dissolution of the MHCRC IGA, all PEG fees attributable to the East County cities and the County.
- Upon dissolution of the MHCRC IGA, disburses the PEG Fee ending balance in the MHCRC Fund, not obligated for community technology grants, to Open Signal and MetroEast with Open Signal receiving 60% and MetroEast receiving 40%.
- Wrap-Up the MHCRC Community Technology Grant program - Final grant round in FY25-26 for up to 2-year grant projects.
- Emphasizes MetroEast’s role as a continuing resource to East County nonprofits, schools and local governments once the Community Technology Grant program ends.

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MT. HOOD CABLE REGULATORY COMMISSION

Hybrid – Wood Village City Hall Council Chambers – Wood Village, OR

September 3, 2025 Retreat Minutes -- **DRAFT**

## SUMMARY MINUTES

Call to Order: 4:30 PM

Commissioners Present: Julia DeGraw, Scott Harden, Jeff Dennerline, Asad Butt, Leslie Goodlow, Norm Thomas, Soren Underdahl, and Cherri Wagner

Staff Present: Seema Gadh Kumar, Andrew Speer, Laura Dyer, Douglas Imaralu, Rana DeBey, Kevin Block, and Kathleen Lefebvre

Additional MHCRC consultants present: Nancy Werner, Bradley Werner LLC, MHCRC Legal Counsel; Mark Wolf, LGLG, PC, MHCRC Legal Counsel; Autumn Carter and Reed Wagner, NEX Strategies

Jurisdictional Leadership present: Chris Fick, City of Gresham; Eric Engstrom, City of Portland

CMCs present: John Lugton, MetroEast; Seth Ring, MetroEast; Courtney Rae, Open Signal

### Retreat Goals

The objective is for commissioners to prepare themselves, staff, and consultants to successfully navigate the future of the Commission. Upon completion of this meeting, participants should walk away with the following:

Consensus whether to sunset and when; Start to parse out specifics on how it looks, including timeline, and next steps for that process, clarity on how to approach the grant work moving forward with input from interested parties.

**Welcome all** – Vice Chair Harden shares the history of our meeting location, Wood Village City Hall Council Chambers, and welcomes all.

**Welcome Commissioners Butt and Underdahl** – Chair DeGraw welcomes Commissioners Butt and Underdahl to their first official MHCRC meeting, it is a crucial time to welcome both as we embark on this important chapter.

**Introductions and Agenda Review** – During the Agenda Review Vice Chair Harden shares a handout, included as an attachment to these Minutes, that outlines his recommendation plan which is not included in the NEX Strategies presentation of scenarios this evening.

**NEX Strategies Summarize Final Report and Q & A** – Chair DeGraw introduces this agenda item and emphasizes that the aim is to be working towards a common goal and appreciates everyone as we dive





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into these conversations. The goal this evening is to land on a generalized agreement for a timeline to sunset the Commission and in doing so to openly share information, ask questions of each other and Autumn and Reed from NEX Strategies. Chair DeGraw highlights the Public Comment received by MetroEast earlier today - included as an attachment to these minutes – and reminds all of the Memo from Donnie Oliveira, Deputy City Administrator, City of Portland, sent via email, requesting Commissioners delay the launch of the grant cycle considering the priority to support the Community Media Centers. Chair DeGraw notes this is a recommendation, but we need to consider it.

Chair DeGraw also shares with the group that City of Gresham announced their intent to leave the Commission and will be formalizing that notice before November 1<sup>st</sup>.

Chair DeGraw invites Autumn Carter from NEX Strategies to present. Autumn presents a summary of their final report, highlighting that revenues are declining, and community needs have evolved beyond cable. Autumn presents on the consequences model for decision-making, showing the Commissioners that acting now increases their impact. Autumn also highlights that the presentation is a summary of NEX Strategies' final report recommendations and it is meant to inform the Commission's decisions, not replace Commissioner judgement.

Autumn reviews the three scenario options in their presentation: Adjusted Status Quo; Sunset Commission; Independent Organization.

Nancy Werner, from Bradley Werner, LLC, confirms that according to the IGA when Gresham withdraws from the Commission they still have access to the funds through the end of the fiscal year, but they will no longer have the ability to make budget decisions after they give official notice to withdraw from the Commission.

**Range of Services** – Commissioners Identify and discuss MHCRC's current range of services and how to navigate a sunset in a constrictive environment while engaging in a discussion on CMC Budgets, the Community Tech Grant Program, timeline of sunset as it relates to CMCs and the Community Tech Grant Program, PEG funding and Franchise Fee funding and balances in each.

**Public Perspectives** Chair DeGraw invites CMCs and Jurisdictions to engage in the conversation. Seth Ring from MetroEast would like clarity from Gresham on their intent to fund MetroEast in the future and Chris Fick from City of Gresham notes that no decisions have been made.

**Commission discussion and decision points** - It was noted that creating a structure where CMCs are whole and viable is the priority and the grant program is discretionary. The City of Portland recommendation is made with that framework in mind. Rana DeBey, MHCRC Grants Manager, notes we have not given grantees notice and the current grantee contracts go through 2028.

Chair DeGraw encourages Commissioners and jurisdictional leadership to engage in the MHCRC Policy Committee as we move forward with these discussion.





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**MHCRC Equity Committee** -Chair of the Equity Committee, Commissioner Leslie Goodlow, gives an update on the August 19<sup>th</sup> Equity Committee. Noting the Committee discussed federal funding as it relates to eligibility requirements around DEI. Also discussed the current grant cycle and the annual peer learning event.

**MHCRC Finance Committee** – Chair of the Finance Committee, Commissioner Norm Thomas, gives an update on the August 28<sup>th</sup> Finance Committee. Noting the Committee and Staff are beginning the audit process and if there are questions, please reach out to Commissioner Thomas.

**Adjourn to enter into Regular Session: 8:10 pm**

Reconvene: 9:05 pm

Adjourn: 9:05 pm

Respectfully submitted,  
Kathleen Lefebvre

Attachments:

Vice Chair Harden Handout "Variation on NEX Option 2"  
City of Portland memo to Portland MHCRC Commissioners



## Motions/Actions for MHCRC Recommendation/Plan to the Jurisdictions to Dissolve the MHCRC IGA

### **VARIATION ON NEX OPTION 2 (Recommendations and Final Report)**

#### **East County Cities and Multnomah County - New IGA Portland to retain all franchise related functions for its area**

**Motion/Action:** Direct the MHCRC gov't lawyer (LGLG-Mark Wolfe) to draft an IGA in consultation with East County MHCRC representatives no later than September 30; MHCRC recommended draft would be forwarded to the four East County cities and the County, along with the recommended Resolution for dissolution of the current IGA. IGA to include:

Purpose: Coordinate and undertake franchise admin and revenue (FF and PEG Fee) collection and disbursement on behalf of Gresham, Troutdale, Fairview, Wood Village and Multnomah County;

Primary Principles:

- One jurisdiction serves as the administrator of the IGA duties and manages an agreement with MetroEast for community media services.
- Franchise admin funded by an agreed upon amount of the franchise fees and a portion of the carryover/remaining balance amount in the MHCRC Fund attributable to interest earned on the Fund overtime.
- MetroEast continues to receive 60% of franchise fees and 100% of PEG Fee.
- MetroEast designation as the provider of community media services, implemented through a services agreement between MetroEast and the administering jurisdiction.
- Effective upon dissolution of current MHCRC IGA.

#### **Resolution for Jurisdictions to Dissolve current MHCRC IGA no later than end of current fiscal year (FY25-26)**

**Motion/Action:**

- 1) Direct the MHCRC gov't lawyer (LGLG-Mark Wolfe) to draft a Resolution no later than September 30 for dissolution of the MHCRC IGA, in collaboration with an MHCRC work group; MHCRC recommended draft would be forwarded to the six jurisdictions.
- 2) Conduct a MHCRC Fund review and reconciliation to be supported by an auditor hired by the MHCRC and in collaboration with the CoP staff.

Resolution Purpose: To provide the Jurisdictions a template and road map for agreement on how and when the MHCRC and its duties and funds will be dissolved and disseminated.

Primary Principles for Jurisdiction Resolution:

- Timing of IGA dissolution to coincide with the new East County cities/Multnomah County IGA.

- Plan to close out MHCRC Fund, including reconciliation and transfer of funds to jurisdiction administering the new East County IGA, retainment of funds by Portland for grant contract compliance and close out requirements, and payment of funds to Open Signal and MetroEast.
- Through the end of Community Technology grant contracts, grant compliance remains with Portland as does the money to fund it.
- Any unobligated PEG Capital Funds remaining balance at end of FY25-26 transfers 60% to Open Signal and 40% to MetroEast to help supplement the declining amount of annual PEG Fee.

### **Final Community Technology Grant Round FY25-26 - Two-Year Contracts**

**Motion/Action:** Update FY25-26 grant guidelines to allow grant projects up to two-years (not the current three) so that all grant contracts would expire by FY27-28.

FY25-26: Communications and outreach to signal the end of the Community Technology Grant program; highlight media centers as a continuing resource for access to technology and training.



# Community & Economic Development Donnie Oliveira, Deputy City Administrator

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September 2, 2025

### MEMORANDUM

**To:** City of Portland Representatives to MHCRC – Chair Julia DeGraw, Leslie Goodlow, Asad Butt

**From:** Donnie Oliveira, Deputy City Administrator, Community and Economic Development Service Area; Eric Engstrom, Director, Bureau of Planning and Sustainability

**CC:** Seema Gadh Kumar, Chief of Community Technology Division, Bureau of Planning and Sustainability

**Re:** City of Portland Position on Mt. Hood Cable Regulatory Commission Community Technology Grants and Sunset/Transition Plan

This memorandum outlines the City of Portland's position on the Community Technology Grant program with consideration to the MHCRC sunset/transition plan.

### Delay of FY 2025-26 Community Technology Grant Cycle

The City of Portland strongly posits that it is essential to delay the launch of the FY 2025-26 Community Technology Grant Cycle until the MHCRC has finalized a formal sunset/transition strategy. The MHCRC is currently in the process of deliberating a phased wind-down of its administration. Launching a new community technology grant cycle while the MHCRC is actively planning its own dissolution is strategically inconsistent with its current course of action. Delaying this year's grant cycle will allow the commission to establish a clear path forward and make a decision that is fair and transparent to all stakeholders.

### Cessation of the Community Technology Grant Program

Furthermore, in alignment with the recent recommendations from the NEX Strategies' July 2025 Final Report, the City of Portland supports the cessation of the Community Technology Grant program. Preserving direct funding for community media and other partners is a compelling use of shrinking cable revenues that unequivocally asserts the City's commitment to community. The City of Portland is committed to honoring existing grants, even if the MHCRC dissolves before they're finished.

The City of Portland is prepared to work with the MHCRC and its jurisdictions to develop a clear, responsible, and phased strategy for wrapping up the commission's work while continuing to support community priorities.

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## **REGULAR AGENDA**



# Mt. Hood Cable Regulatory Commission

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## **COVER SHEET – AGENDA ITEM \*R1.**

For Commission Meeting: October 13, 2025

“\*R1. Next Steps for the Commission – Policy Committee Recommendations”

### **Recommendation**

Approve Resolution 2025-01 as presented

### **Background**

MHCRC Policy Committee met on September 29, 2025 to discuss sunset, working with legal counsel the Policy Committee is recommending this Resolution for the Commission’s approval.

**Attachments:** MHCRC Resolution 2025-01

Prepared By: Andrew Speer  
October 8, 2025



**Before the  
Mt. Hood Cable Regulatory Commission  
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Portland, OR 97201**

Recommend MHCRC Jurisdictions ) Resolution No. 2025-01  
To Dissolve Intergovernmental Agreement ) Adopted by the Commission

Section 1.

1.1 Authority. The Mt. Hood Cable Regulatory Commission ("MHCRC" or "Commission") was created by Intergovernmental Agreement (dated December 24, 1992) ("IGA") to carry out cable regulation and administration on behalf of Multnomah County and the cities of Gresham, Fairview, Portland, Troutdale, and Wood Village ("the Jurisdictions"). Under the Section 11, subsection B and Section 13. Dissolution, this Resolution recommends Jurisdictions to dissolve the Intergovernmental Agreement and to consider other actions noted below to accomplish a collective dissolution.

1.2 Background. Over the past 18 months MHCRC has engaged in a strategic planning process to assess its long-term sustainability. The process included interviews and briefings with MHCRC staff, commissioners, jurisdiction staff and elected officials, legal experts, consultants, and community media centers. The goal was to evaluate future options, understand stakeholder needs, and identify a realistic path forward. Along that path, we have received notice that City of Gresham intends to withdraw from the Commission this fiscal year and therefore accelerated these conversations to sunset the Commission. The following recommendations aim to help stabilize funding for the Community Media Centers, an identified priority.

Now, therefore, the Commission resolves:

Section 2.

2.1 The Commission recommends that all Jurisdictions prepare and deliver a letter to The Commission by November 1, 2025 stating the Jurisdiction withdraws from The Mount Hood Cable Regulatory Commission (MHCRC) effective June 30, 2026, or Jurisdictions unanimously agree to dissolve the Commission by June 30, 2026.

2.2 The Commission recommends a collective process amongst the Jurisdictions on how to dissolve the Commission.

2.3 The Commission is calling attention to the following issues to be considered by Jurisdictions: Managing PEG compliance; Funding for and engagement with Community Media Centers; Management of existing Community Technology Grants; Cable Related Complaints; Future Cable Franchise Negotiations with providers; Telecommunication advocacy.

2.4 The Commission recommends the Jurisdictions to begin the work of developing the necessary agreements (e.g. IGA or service agreements) to move forward to be completed by the end of June 2026, or by the end of the three-month grace period after the Commission dissolves.

2.5 The Commission directs Staff to prepare relevant budget forecasting for FY26-27 for each Jurisdiction and directs Staff to complete this by the end of January 2026.

ADOPTED BY THE COMMISSION on XX, 2025.

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Julia DeGraw, Chair

Reviewed by:

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Mark Wolf, LGLG, P.C.



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## **COVER SHEET – AGENDA ITEM R3**

For Commission Meeting: October 13, 2025

### **FY2024-25 MHCRC Year-End Financial Report – Unaudited**

#### **Staff Recommendation**

Information Only

#### **Background/Discussion**

The City of Portland administers the financial activities of the Mt. Hood Cable Regulatory Commission (MHCRC) through an Intergovernmental Service Agreement. The City of Portland established a separate agency fund (MHCRC Fund) for the Commission to fiscally manage its revenues and expenditures. The MHCRC Fund includes the revenue collection and expense disbursement of cable franchise fees, PEG fees, and the MHCRC annual operating budget.

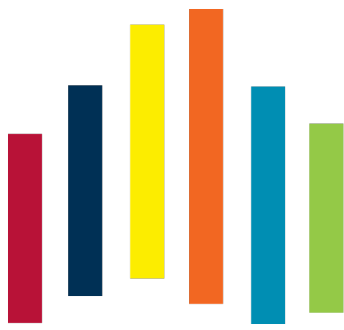
The purpose of the Annual Year-End Financial Report (Unaudited) is to provide the MHCRC an informal report about the MHCRC's financial activities and status of certain elements of the MHCRC's Fund at year end. This report is intended as informational only.

The MHCRC's annual audited financial statements provide an outside audit and technical accounting status of the MHCRC Fund. The MHCRC Finance Committee annually reviews and approves the Fund financial statements, and the full Commission accepts the annual audit, at the December MHCRC meeting.

**Attachments:** FY2024-25 MHCRC Year-End Financial Report (Unaudited)

Prepared By: Douglas Imaralu  
September 24, 2025





# MHCRC

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## **MHCRC YEAR-END FINANCIAL REPORT – FY 2024-25 (Unaudited)**

The purpose of the annual Year-End Financial Report (unaudited) is to provide the MHCRC an informal, informational report about the MHCRC’s financial activities and status of certain elements of the MHCRC’s Fund at year end. This report is intended as informational. The MHCRC’s annual audited financial statements provide an outside audit and technical accounting status of the MHCRC Fund.

### **The annual year-end Financial Report consists of the following:**

#### Page 2: Fiscal Year 2024-25 Overview

- Financial overview for the fiscal year.
- High level summary of MHCRC Fund activities.

#### Pages 3-8: Trend Analysis, Resources and Disbursements

- Cable Franchise Fee Trend
- Cable TV Subscriber Trend
- Franchise Fee Disbursements -- East County Jurisdictions
- Franchise Fee Disbursements – City of Portland
- Funding Support for Community Media Centers & Community Grants

#### Page 9: Revenues and Disbursements by Major Categories

This section itemizes revenues, expenditures, and allocations by major categories:

- Cable Franchise Fees
- MHCRC PEG/I-Net Fee Capital Fund

#### Page 10: MHCRC’s Operations Budget to Actual

This section summarizes the MHCRC’s budget-to-actual operations budget, including revenues and expenditures by administrative/regulatory and capital fund compliance programs.

#### Page 11: Fund Interest Balance History

This section details the interest earned on the MHCRC Fund and the amount expended during a fiscal year for the MHCRC operational budget.

#### Page 12: Revenues Comparison, FY 2023-24 vs. FY 2024-25

This section compares the MHCRC FY 2024-25 revenues and community media organizations’ funding to the previous fiscal year.

#### **Prepared By:**

Douglas Imaralu, MHCRC Finance Manager

## Overview

### REVENUES:

The MHCRC oversaw the collection of \$65,489,171 in cable franchise fees for FY 2024-25. Both Portland and the East Multnomah County jurisdictions continued the decline in franchise fees, which began in FY 2017-18. Portland's fees have seen about a 9.7% decrease in the last fiscal year.

For the East County jurisdictions, franchise fees have decreased by 11.2% in FY 2024-25, driven by Zply's imminent exit from the market and the continuous decline of cable subscribers.

In FY 2024-25, the MHCRC collected \$3,293,501 in PEG Fee revenues from the cable franchises, a 10% decrease from the previous year. However, the MHCRC Fund gained \$291,981 in interest revenue in the same period.

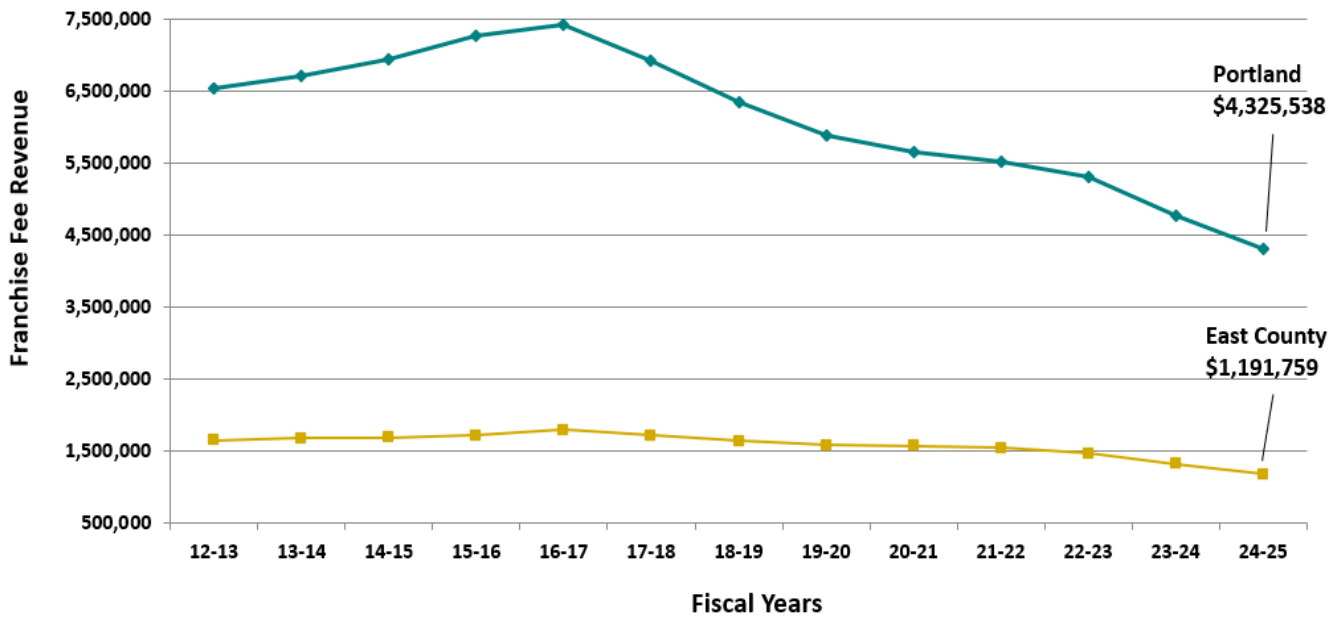
### EXPENDITURES:

- **MHCRC Operations Budget:** The MHCRC underspent its Operations budget mostly related to delayed legal expenses for franchise negotiations that are ongoing.
- **Community Media Funding:** The MHCRC oversaw the disbursement of operational and capital dollars for the two community media centers as follows:
  - a) MetroEast Community Media: \$707,761 from East County franchise fees, a reduction of 4.1% from the previous fiscal year, and \$1,164,379, which represents a 27.1% increase year-on-year in capital funds. This is attributed to extra capital project fund allocated by the commission to support MetroEast.
  - b) Open Signal: \$1,231,343 from the City of Portland general fund, an increase of 17.8%, owing to additional allocation from the City of Portland to account costs associated with the expansion of Portland City Council and coverage of the Council's meetings. Open Signal also received \$54,714 from West Multnomah County franchise fees, and \$1,128,344 in capital funds.
- **Community Technology Grants:** In FY 2024-25, the MHCRC committed \$1,000,000 to support its Community Technology Grants program but at year-end only \$628,658 had been disbursed.

### PEG/I-NET FEE CAPITAL FUND SUMMARY:

The MHCRC PEG/I-Net Fee capital fund is a component of the discrete MHCRC Fund managed within the City of Portland's financial system. The capital fund compliance program budget, community media capital, and grants are funded by these dollars. At the end of FY 2024-25, the fund had \$1,553,272 in remaining balance for the capital compliance program.

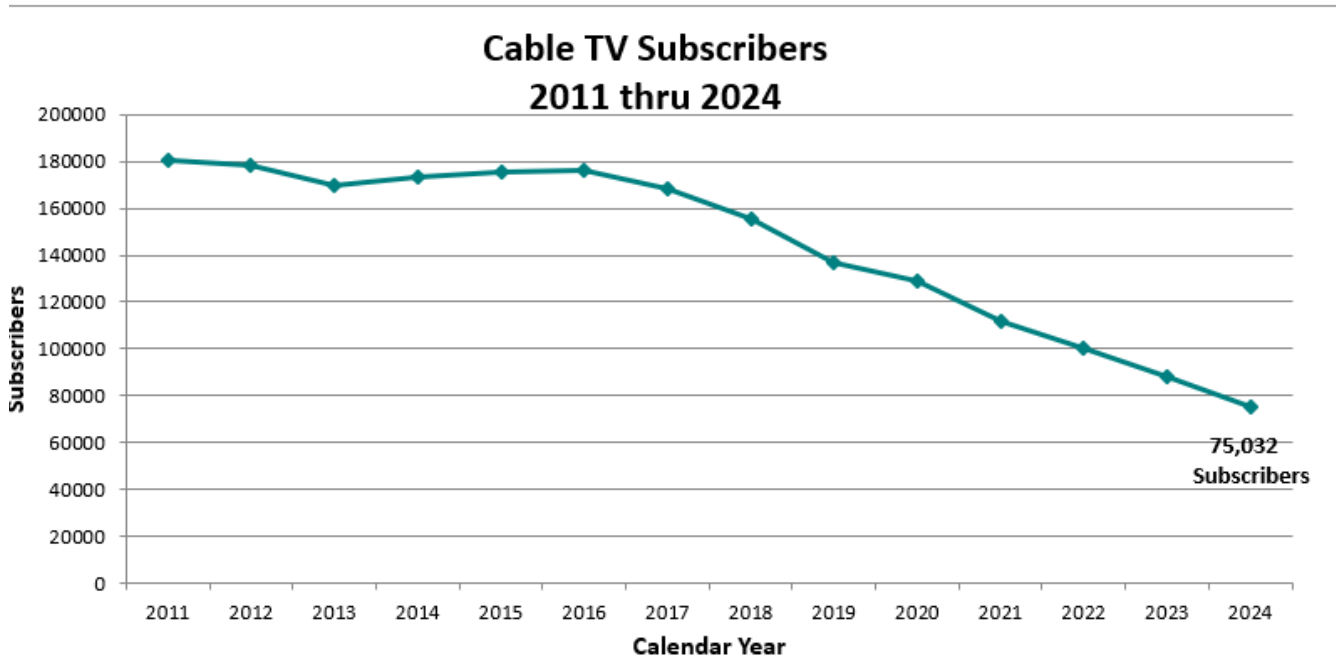
**Cable Franchise Fee Trend  
FY2012-13 thru FY2024-25**



**Cable Franchise Fee Trend  
FY2011 thru FY2025**

**Franchise Fee Revenue**

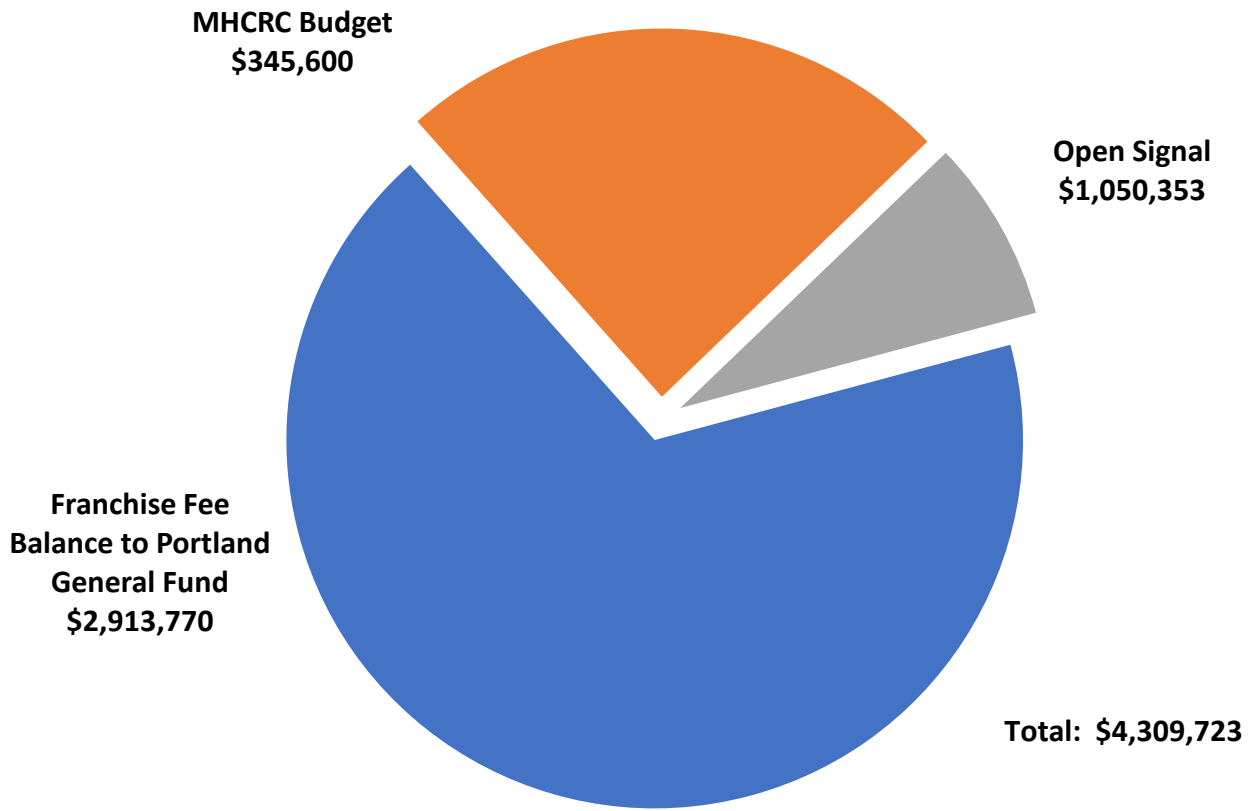
Portland	East County	Fiscal Year
\$ 6,170,000	\$ 1,580,000	10-11
\$ 6,232,244	\$ 1,586,137	11-12
\$ 6,548,700	\$ 1,654,359	12-13
\$ 6,719,325	\$ 1,685,059	13-14
\$ 6,944,159	\$ 1,696,654	14-15
\$ 7,270,259	\$ 1,718,578	15-16
\$ 7,439,910	\$ 1,793,829	16-17
\$ 6,937,752	\$ 1,724,113	17-18
\$ 6,347,615	\$ 1,644,478	18-19
\$ 5,892,358	\$ 1,587,597	19-20
\$ 5,653,300	\$ 1,577,838	20-21
\$ 5,533,506	\$ 1,543,947	21-22
\$ 5,319,260	\$ 1,467,299	22-23
\$ 4,770,149	\$ 1,328,560	23-24
\$ 4,309,723	\$ 1,179,448	24-25



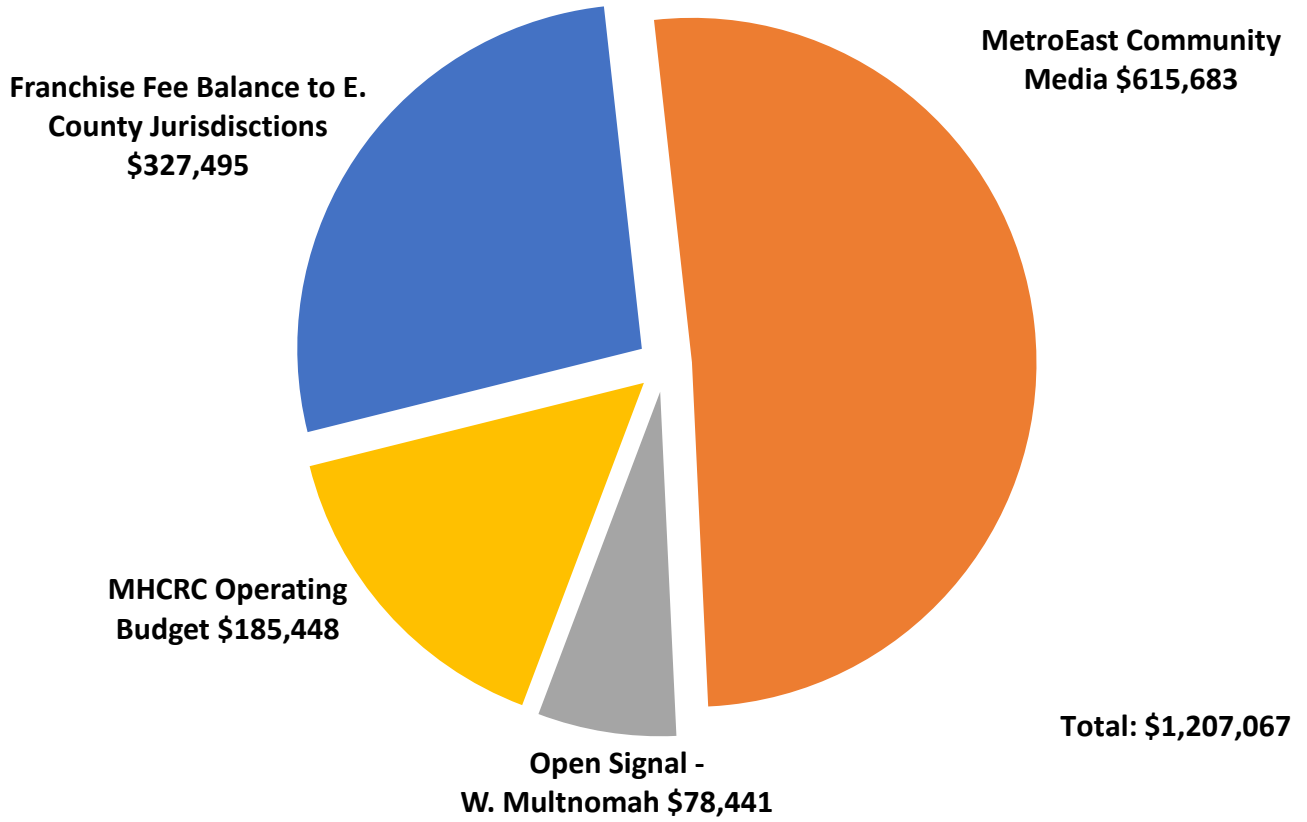
**Cable TV Subscribers  
2011 thru 2024**

<b>Subscribers</b>		<b>Year</b>
180,204	▼	2011
178,032	▼	2012
169,997	▼	2013
173,206	▼	2014
175,616	▼	2015
176,396	▼	2016
168,575	▼	2017
155,782	▼	2018
136,923	▼	2019
129,044	▼	2020
112,055	▼	2021
100,399	▼	2022
90,972	▼	2023
75,032	▼	2024

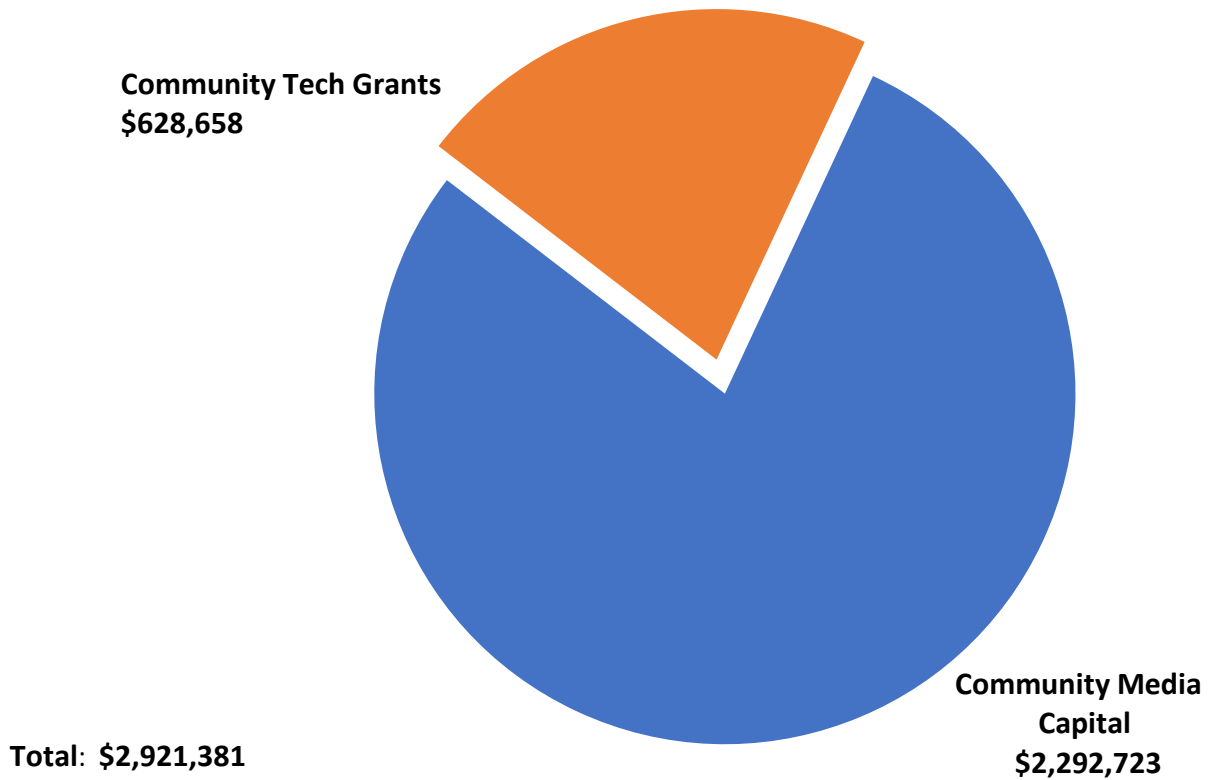
## Cable Franchise Fee Disbursements FY2024-25 Portland



## Cable Franchise Fee Disbursements FY2024-25 East County



## Funding Support for Community Media & Grants FY2024-25 (based on PEG Funds)



**MHCRC Fund - Revenues and Disbursements by Major Categories  
FY 2024-2025**

<b>Cable Franchise Fee Revenues and Expenditures - MHCRC Fund</b>		
<b>Revenues</b>		
Comcast	\$1,153,351	
Ziply	\$26,097	
	<b>Total Revenues</b>	<b>\$1,179,448</b>
<b>Expenditures</b>		
Franchise Fee Balance to East County Jurisdictions	\$286,328	
MetroEast - Franchise Fees, East County	\$707,671	
PCM - Franchise Fees, Multnomah West		
MHCRC Admin. Budget, East County Share	\$185,448	
	<b>Total Expenditures</b>	<b>\$1,179,447</b>

<b>MHCRC PEG-I-Net Fee Revenues - Capital Expenditures/Allocations</b>		
	<b>Beginning Balance</b>	<b>\$7,388,648</b>
<b>Revenues</b>		
PEG/I-Net Fee		<b>Total Revenues</b>
		<b>\$ 3,293,501</b>
<b>Expenditures</b>		
Capital Fund Compliance Program	\$345,131	
Community Media Capital	\$2,292,723	
	<b>Total Expenditures</b>	<b>\$2,637,854</b>
<b>Grants Awarded</b>		
Community Technology Grants	\$628,658	
	<b>Total Grants Awarded</b>	<b>\$628,658</b>
	<b>*Available Balance</b>	<b>\$7,407,649</b>

<b>* Available Balance - Detail</b>		
Fund Compliance Program	\$	1,553,272
PEG/I-Net fee rev		\$5,854,377
	<b>Available Balance</b>	<b>\$ 7,407,649</b>

**MHCRC Operating Budget FY2024-25 Budget to Actuals**

<b>MHCRC Administrative / Regulatory Program</b>		
<b>Revenues</b>	<b>Budget</b>	<b>Actual</b>
City of Portland Appropriation	\$345,600	\$345,600
East County Appropriations	185,445	185,445
FY 23-24 Carryover/Supplemental	420,734	485,396
Interest Revenue Allocation	135,914	135,914
<b>Total Revenues</b>	<b>\$1,173,730</b>	<b>\$1,152,315</b>
<b>Expenditures</b>		
Personnel	\$386,062	\$458,311
External Materials & Services	217,750	189,728
Internal Materials & Services	7,500	2,729
GF Overhead (annual)	156,316	156,316
Contingency		
<b>Total Expenditures</b>	<b>\$767,628</b>	<b>\$807,084</b>
<b>Net Unspent Juris Appropriations</b>	<b>\$406,102</b>	<b>\$345,231</b>

<b>MHCRC Capital Fund Compliance Program</b>		
<b>Revenues</b>	<b>Budget</b>	<b>Actual</b>
Fund Compliance Admin	\$406,102	\$345,131
<b>Total Revenues</b>	<b>\$406,102</b>	<b>\$345,131</b>
<b>Expenditures</b>		
Personnel Services	\$259,344	\$205,275
External Materials & Services	39,250	32,144
Internal Materials & Services	2,500	2,704
GF Overhead	105,008	105,008
Contingency		
<b>Total Expenditures</b>	<b>\$406,102</b>	<b>\$345,131</b>
<b>Net Compliance Program</b>	<b>\$0</b>	<b>\$0</b>

<b>Interest Fund Balance - history</b>				<i>A=Actual</i>
<b>Earnings and Expenditures by Fiscal Year</b>				<i>E=Estimated</i>
<b>Fiscal Year</b>	<b>Interest Earned</b>	<b>Net Admin. Expenditures</b>	<b>Change</b>	<b>Cumulative Balance</b>
			Beginning Balance	\$196,968
2005-06	\$100,333	(\$99,294)	\$1,039	\$198,007
2006-07	\$171,764	(\$92,312)	\$79,452	\$277,458
2007-08	\$181,699	(\$92,771)	\$88,928	\$366,386
2008-09	\$126,158	(\$109,703)	\$16,455	\$382,842
2009-10	\$71,976	(\$98,233)	(\$26,257)	\$356,585
2010-11	\$32,395	(\$109,045)	(\$76,650)	\$279,935
2011-12	\$34,324	(\$129,708)	(\$95,384)	\$184,550
2012-13	\$30,329	(\$66,281)	(\$35,952)	\$148,599
2013-14	\$43,567	\$0	\$43,567	\$192,165
2014-15	\$57,577	\$0	\$57,577	\$249,742
2015-16*	\$91,898	\$0	\$91,898	\$341,640
2016-17	\$136,434	\$0	\$136,434	\$478,075
2017-18	\$184,274	\$0	\$184,274	\$662,348
2018-19	\$291,297	\$0	\$291,297	\$953,646
2019-20*	\$ 265,053	\$0	\$265,053	\$1,218,698
2020-21	\$ 95,194	(\$147,608)	(\$52,414)	\$1,166,285
2021-22	\$ 58,380	(\$58,380)	(\$0)	\$1,166,284
2022-23	\$ 151,352	(\$92,586)	\$58,766	\$1,225,050
2023-24	\$ 276,473	(\$3,686)	\$272,787	\$1,497,837
2024-25	\$ 291,981	(\$135,914)	\$156,067	\$1,653,904

### Revenues - Actuals Comparison

Cable Franchise Fees	FY2023-24	FY2024-25	Change	% Change
Portland	\$ 4,770,149	\$ 4,309,723	\$ (460,426)	-9.7%
East County, Comcast	\$ 1,184,593	\$ 1,062,162	\$ (122,431)	-10.3%
East County, Frontier (Ziplay)*	\$ 45,707	\$ 26,097	\$ (19,610)	-42.9%
<b>Franchise Fees Total</b>	<b>\$ 6,000,449</b>	<b>\$ 5,397,981</b>	<b>\$ (602,468)</b>	<b>-10.0%</b>
PEG/I-Net Fees	\$ 3,659,225	\$ 3,293,501	\$ (365,724)	-10.0%
Fund Interest	\$ 276,473	\$ 291,981	\$ 15,508	5.6%

\* Cascade and CenturyLink were included in these totals prior to their exits in FY2019-20 and FY2020-21 respectively.

### Community Media Centers Payments - Actuals Comparison

#### FY2023-2024 vs FY2024-2025

Open Signal	FY2023-24	FY2024-25	Change	% Change
Portland General Fund	\$ 1,053,543	\$ 1,231,343	\$ 177,800	17.7%
Multnomah West Franchise Fees	\$ 58,955	\$ 54,714	\$ (4,241)	-7.2%
Community Media Capital	\$ 1,713,642	\$ 1,128,344	\$ (585,298)	-34.2%
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$ 2,826,140</b>	<b>\$ 2,414,401</b>	<b>\$ (411,739)</b>	<b>-14.6%</b>

MetroEast Community Media	FY2023-24	FY2024-25	Change	% Change
East County Franchise Fees	\$ 738,177	\$ 707,671	\$ (30,506)	-4.1%
Community Media Capital	\$ 916,146	\$ 1,164,379	\$ 248,233	27.1%
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$ 1,654,323</b>	<b>\$ 1,872,050</b>	<b>\$ 217,727</b>	<b>13.2%</b>

<b>Personnel Allocation</b>		<b>FY24-25</b>	<b>FY25-26</b>
<b>Name</b>	<b>Position Classification</b>	<b>FTE</b>	<b>FTE</b>
Kumar, Seema	30003082 - Manager II	0.25	0.25
Lefebvre, Kathleen	30003976 - Administrative Specialist II - CPPW	1.00	1.00
DeBey, Rana	30003979 - Analyst II - CPPW	0.95	0.95
Vacant	30003008 - Analyst III	0.35	0.65
Block, Kevin	30003983 - Coordinator II - CPPW	0.40	0.60
Speer, Andrew	30003009 - Analyst IV	0.40	0.40
Dyer, Laura	30003979 - Analyst II - CPPW	0.50	0.50
<b>Total FTE</b>		<b>3.85</b>	<b>4.35</b>

## **APPENDIX**

TABS	DESCRIPTION
<b>Fiscal Year 2024-25 Overview</b>	
Fund Analysis	Summary analysis of MHCRC Fund 855 major and nominal source of revenue, net position, beginning balance vs ending balance, revenues vs expenditure, etc.
Fund Budget	Historical view of MHCRC Fund budget
<b>Trend Analysis, Resources and Disbursements</b>	
Fee Trend	Historical Franchise Fee trend
Subscribers	Summary statement of subscriber vs revenue correlation from 2011-2024. Shows continuous decline
FF E. County	Distribution of E. County Franchise Fees in FY25
FF Portland	Distribution of Portland Franchise Fees in FY25
PEG Disbursement	Summary of PEG disbursements in FY25
<b>MHCRC Operating Budget to Actual</b>	
Budget vs Actual	Budget vs Actual for MHCRC FY25 Operating budget
<b>Revenues and Disbursements by Major Categories</b>	
Category	Breakdown of revenue and expenditure (Fund Budget)
FF Disbursement	Summary of Franchise Fees disbursements in FY25
PEG	Distribution of PEG fees in FY25
<b>Revenues Comparison FY2023-24 vs FY2024-25</b>	
Prior vs Current	Comparison of FY24 vs FY25

MHCRC Fund Budget 10-Year Look Back

MHCRC FUND BUDGET  
FISCAL YEAR 2025-26

BUDGET LINE ITEM DETAIL											
CATEGORIES	Previous Fin. Mngr										
	2015-16 Actual	2016-17 Actual	2017-18 Actual	2018-19 Actual	2019-20 Actual	2020-21 Actual	2021-22 Actual	2022-23 Actual	2023-24 Actual	2024-25 Actual	2025-26 Adopted
<b>RESOURCES</b>											
E. County Franch. Fees, Comcast	\$1,381,066	\$1,460,291	\$1,390,189	\$1,320,887	\$1,299,089	\$1,337,257	\$1,337,459	\$1,296,372	\$1,184,593	\$1,062,162	\$976,271
E. County Franch. Fees Mult West, Comcast	\$110,297	\$114,620	\$109,078	\$105,247	\$104,901	\$104,185	\$103,957	\$100,975	\$98,260	\$91,189	\$80,785
E. County Franch. Fees, Ziply Fiber	\$227,214	\$218,919	\$224,846	\$216,979	\$183,626	\$136,396	\$102,531	\$69,952	\$45,707	\$26,096	\$5,377
Operating Budget Appropriation-Portland	\$296,435	\$288,330	\$281,036	\$304,998	\$314,826	\$294,418	\$348,545	\$344,396	\$354,728	\$345,600	\$355,622
Interest Earned	\$91,898	\$136,434	\$184,274	\$291,297	\$265,053	\$95,194	\$58,380	\$151,352	\$276,473	\$291,891	\$298,856
PEG / I-Net Capital Fee	\$5,393,179	\$5,540,134	\$5,196,878	\$4,795,297	\$4,488,041	\$4,338,687	\$4,246,471	\$4,071,934	\$3,659,225	\$3,293,501	\$3,049,856
<b>Total Resources</b>	<b>\$7,500,089</b>	<b>\$7,758,728</b>	<b>\$7,386,301</b>	<b>\$7,034,505</b>	<b>\$6,655,517</b>	<b>\$6,306,138</b>	<b>\$6,197,343</b>	<b>\$6,034,981</b>	<b>\$5,618,986</b>	<b>\$5,110,440</b>	<b>\$4,766,758</b>
<b>Beginning Fund Balance</b>	<b>\$8,847,173</b>	<b>\$3,796,583</b>	<b>\$6,663,998</b>	<b>\$7,266,195</b>	<b>\$2,461,722</b>	<b>\$3,129,131</b>	<b>\$2,212,420</b>	<b>\$2,037,853</b>	<b>\$1,947,977</b>	<b>\$1,808,807</b>	<b>\$6,884,299</b>
Unspent Comm Technology Grants						\$297,488	\$166,926	\$102,555	\$171,594	\$52,340	
Unspent TechSmart Initiative Grants					\$4,866,984	\$6,913,886	\$1,663,489	\$542,812			
Unallocated balance					\$980,968		\$2,293,913	\$5,280,618	\$4,865,417	\$5,519,423	
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$16,347,262</b>	<b>\$11,555,311</b>	<b>\$14,050,299</b>	<b>\$14,300,701</b>	<b>\$14,965,191</b>	<b>\$16,646,643</b>	<b>\$12,534,091</b>	<b>\$13,998,818</b>	<b>\$12,603,974</b>	<b>\$12,491,100</b>	<b>\$11,651,057</b>
<b>EXPENDITURES</b>											
MHCRC Operating Budget	\$847,962	\$901,958	\$857,792	\$656,303	\$934,596	\$1,254,868	\$1,249,431	\$704,421	\$1,743,641	\$1,152,215	\$1,398,642
Franchise Fee Balance to Jurisdictions	\$538,952	\$562,277	\$530,356	\$493,660	\$469,490	\$472,590	\$429,899	\$401,477	\$340,416	\$286,328	\$259,298
Community Media Pmt, E. County (MetroEast)	\$964,969	\$1,007,526	\$969,020	\$923,540	\$889,618	\$884,189	\$863,994	\$819,790	\$738,177	\$615,683	\$588,989
Community Media Pmt, Mult. West (MetroEast)										\$91,988	\$48,459
Community Media Pmt, Mult. West (Open Signal)	\$66,179	\$68,772	\$65,446	\$63,149	\$62,940	\$62,511	\$62,375	\$60,585	\$58,955		
Community Media Capital (MetroEast/OS)	\$1,587,551	\$1,648,757	\$1,726,301	\$1,469,042	\$1,504,299	\$2,083,120	\$1,566,576	\$2,610,600	\$2,629,788	\$2,292,723	\$1,996,373
I-Net Grants	\$275,114	\$604,167	\$189,884	\$568,179	\$838,279						
Community Technology Grants	\$787,858	\$97,856	\$110,459		\$508,178	\$869,211	\$925,409	\$1,292,621	\$1,490,703	\$628,658	\$1,000,000
TechSmart Initiative Grants	\$6,470,516		\$2,334,845		\$4,866,984						
PY Outstanding Advances*											\$2,707,305
Community Grants Contingency	\$1,011,578								\$166,172	\$530,205	\$800,000
<b>Total Expenditures</b>	<b>\$12,550,679</b>	<b>\$4,891,313</b>	<b>\$6,784,103</b>	<b>\$4,173,773</b>	<b>\$10,074,384</b>	<b>\$5,626,489</b>	<b>\$5,097,683</b>	<b>\$5,889,494</b>	<b>\$7,167,852</b>	<b>\$5,606,801</b>	<b>\$8,799,066</b>
<b>Net Change in Fund Balance</b>	<b>\$3,796,583</b>	<b>\$6,663,998</b>	<b>\$7,266,195</b>	<b>\$10,126,928</b>	<b>\$4,890,807</b>	<b>\$11,020,153</b>	<b>\$7,436,408</b>	<b>\$8,109,324</b>	<b>\$5,436,122</b>	<b>\$6,884,299</b>	<b>\$2,851,991</b>
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$16,347,262</b>	<b>\$11,555,311</b>	<b>\$14,050,299</b>	<b>\$14,300,701</b>	<b>\$14,965,191</b>	<b>\$16,646,643</b>	<b>\$12,534,091</b>	<b>\$13,998,818</b>	<b>\$12,603,974</b>	<b>\$12,491,100</b>	<b>\$11,651,057</b>

\*PY Outstanding Adv = Resources awarded but yet to be recovered.

"Equity in Pooled Cash" indicates the current availability of all cash available of the MHCRC Revenue = PEF, FF, Interest Fund

MHCRC Fund 855 - Analysis

Source: Internal Budget Docs/SAP

Estimates	ACTUAL FY2025	ADOPTED FY2026 YTD
<b>MHCRC Budgeted Fund Balance</b>		
Franchise Fees		
PEG	\$1,653,904	
Interest Fund		
Ending balance	\$6,884,299	
Beginning balance	\$6,884,299	

	UNAUDITED ACTUAL FY2025	ADOPTED FY2026
E. County Franch. Fees, Comcast	\$1,062,162	\$976,271
E. County Franch. Fees Mult West, Comcast	\$91,189	\$80,765
E. County Franch. Fees, Ziply Fiber	\$26,096	\$5,377
<b>Total Franchise Fees</b>	<b>\$1,179,447</b>	<b>\$1,062,413</b>
PEG / I-Net Capital Fee	\$3,293,501	\$3,049,856
<b>Total PEG Fees</b>	<b>\$3,293,501</b>	<b>\$3,049,856</b>
Operating Budget Appropriation-Portland	\$345,600	\$355,622
Interest Earned	\$291,891	\$298,867
<b>Total Other Sources</b>	<b>\$637,491</b>	<b>\$654,489</b>
<b>Grand Total</b>	<b>\$5,110,440</b>	<b>\$4,766,758</b>

Difference \$508,546 \$343,682  
% change 10% 7%

MHCRC Expenditure	ACTUAL FY2025	ADOPTED FY2026
MHCRC Operating Budget	\$1,152,215	\$1,398,642
Franchise Fee Balance to Jurisdictions	\$286,328	\$259,298
Community Media Pmt. E. County (MetroEast)	\$615,683	\$588,989
Community Media Pmt. Mult. West (MetroEast)	\$91,988	\$48,459
Community Media Pmt. Mult. West (Open Signal)		
Grant / I-Net Operating Budget		
Community Media Capital (MetroEast/O5)	\$2,292,723	\$1,996,373
I-Net Grants		
Community Technology Grants	\$628,658	\$1,000,000
TechSmart Initiative Grants		
PY Outstanding Advances		\$2,707,305
Community Grants Contingency	\$539,205	\$800,000
<b>Total Expenditure</b>	<b>\$5,606,801</b>	<b>\$8,799,066</b>

Difference \$1,561,051 (\$3,192,265)  
% change 28% -36%

MHCRC Fund 855 Net Position

	ACTUAL FY2021-22	ACTUAL FY2022-23	ACTUAL FY2023-24	Estimate FY2024-25	Projected FY2025-26
MHCRC Net Position - GAAP basis					
Net position - Beginning	\$11,997,349	\$12,413,544	\$12,012,699	\$11,693,624	11,342,815
Net position - ending	\$12,413,544	\$12,012,699	\$11,693,624	\$11,342,815	\$11,002,531
Difference		(\$254,567)	\$400,845	\$319,075	\$350,809
% change		2%	-3%	-3%	-3%

MHCRC Fund 855- Revenues vs Expenditure

	ACTUAL FY2021-22	ACTUAL FY2022-23	ACTUAL FY2023-24	Unaudited Actuals FY2024-25	Projected FY2025-26
Revenues vs Expenditure					
Revenues	\$6,127,809	\$5,807,157	\$5,774,054	\$5,110,440	4,766,758
Expenditure	\$3,978,353	\$7,181,279	\$7,482,054	\$5,606,801	8,799,066
Difference	\$2,149,456	(\$1,374,122)	(\$1,708,000)	(\$496,361)	(\$4,032,308)
% change		54%	-19%	-23%	-9%

MHCRC Fund 855 - Fund Balance

	ACTUAL FY2021-22	ACTUAL FY2022-23	ACTUAL FY2023-24	Unaudited Actuals FY2024-25	Projected FY2025-26
Beginning balance	\$13,371,974	\$15,521,431	\$14,147,309	\$12,439,309	11,942,948
Ending balance	\$15,521,431	\$14,147,309	\$12,439,309	\$11,942,948	7,910,640
Difference		(2,149,457)	1,374,122	1,708,000	496,361
% change		-14%	10%	14%	4%

MHCRC Fund 855 - Equity in Pooled Cash

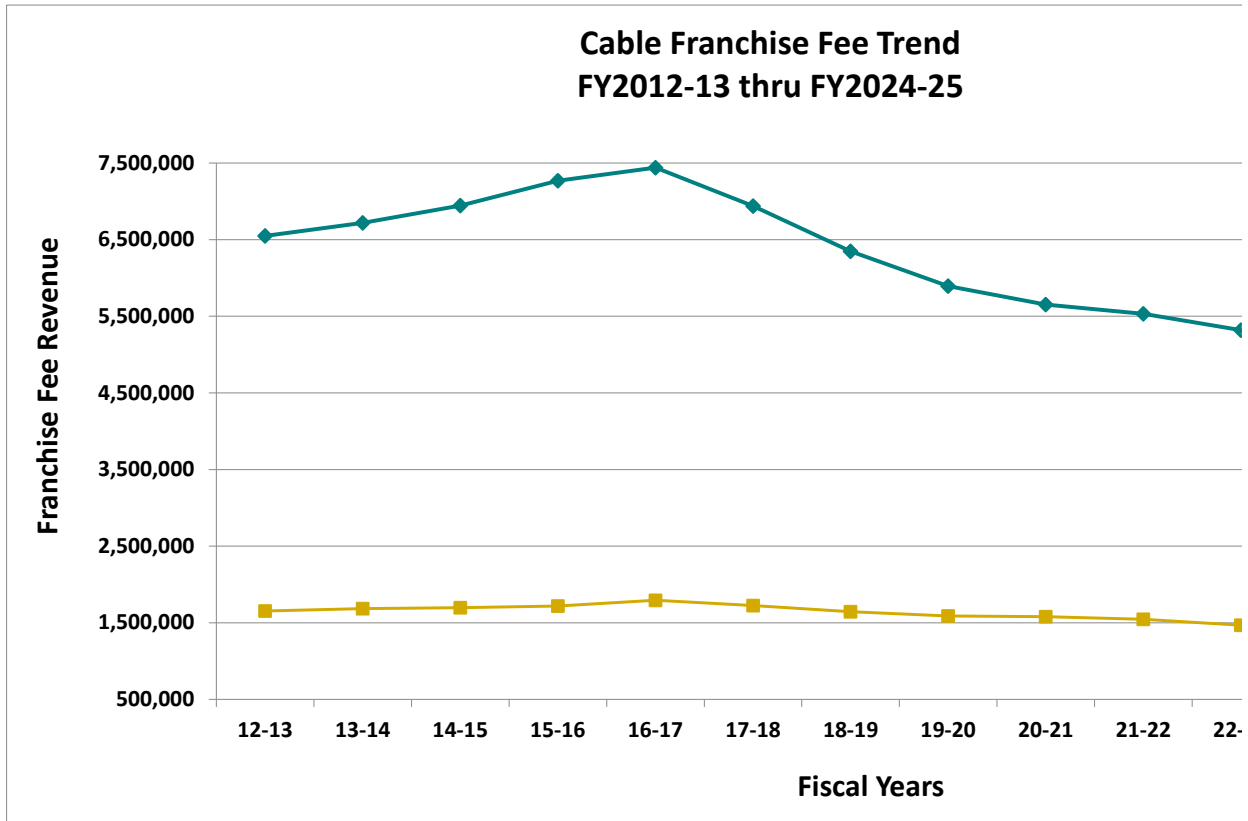
\*Equity in Pooled Cash\* indicates current cash available

	ACTUAL FY2021-22	ACTUAL FY2022-23	ACTUAL FY2023-24	Unaudited Actuals FY2024-25	Projected FY2025-26
MHCRC - Equity					
Opening balance	\$8,930,542	\$9,450,213	\$8,908,905	\$8,433,933	7,681,838
Ending balance	\$9,450,213	\$8,908,905	\$8,433,933	\$7,681,838	6,913,654
Difference		(519,671)	541,308	474,972	752,095
% change		-5%	6%	6%	10%

**Cable Franchise Fee Trend  
FY2011 thru FY2025**

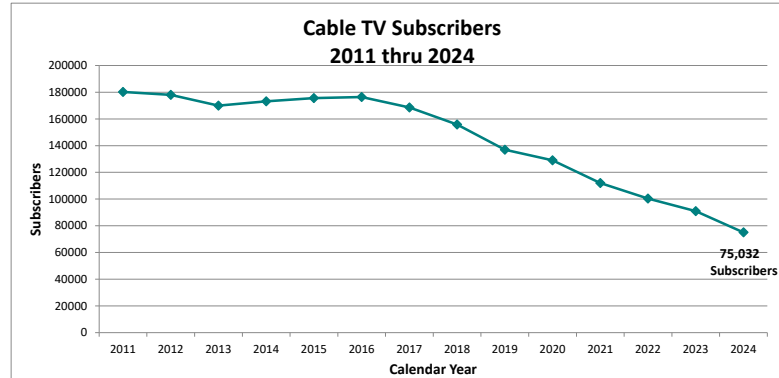
Franchise Fee Revenue		
Portland	East County	Fiscal Year
\$6,170,000	\$ 1,580,000	10-11
\$6,232,244	\$ 1,586,137	11-12
\$6,548,700	\$ 1,654,359	12-13
\$6,719,325	\$ 1,685,059	13-14
\$6,944,159	\$ 1,696,654	14-15
\$7,270,259	\$ 1,718,578	15-16
\$7,439,910	\$ 1,793,829	16-17
\$6,937,752	\$ 1,724,113	17-18
\$6,347,615	\$ 1,644,478	18-19
\$5,892,358	\$ 1,587,597	19-20
\$5,653,300	\$ 1,577,838	20-21
\$5,533,506	\$ 1,543,947	21-22
\$5,319,260	\$ 1,467,299	22-23
\$4,770,149	\$ 1,328,560	23-24
\$4,309,723	\$ 1,179,448	24-25

Percentage Change	
-9.7%	-11.2%



**Cable TV Subscribers  
2011 thru 2024**

Subscribers	Year
180,204	2011
178,032	2012
169,997	2013
173,206	2014
175,616	2015
176,396	2016
168,575	2017
155,782	2018
136,923	2019
129,044	2020
112,055	2021
100,399	2022
90,972	2023
75,032	2024



**Breakdown by JDX**

Jurisdictions	FY 2025-26 Proposed
MULTNOMAH CO.	\$7,775
GRESHAM	\$146,063
TROUTDALE	\$22,004
FAIRVIEW	\$12,314
WOOD VILLAGE	\$3,351
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$191,507</b>

MHCRC Proposed Budget FY 2025-26	East County Appropriations total will update, and then the E.Co Portion of Budget below
City of Portland Appropriations	\$355,622
East County Appropriations	\$191,489
<b>Grand Total</b>	<b>\$547,111</b>

East County Jurisdictions	Comcast Subscribers	Ziply Fiber Subscribers	Cascade Access Subscribers	Total Subscribers	Subs %	East County FY 2025-26 Portion of Budget
MULTNOMAH CO.	681			681	4%	\$7,775
GRESHAM	10,314	2,493		12,807	76%	\$146,063
TROUTDALE	1,549	381		1,930	11%	\$22,004
FAIRVIEW	843	236		1,079	6%	\$12,314
WOOD VILLAGE	231	63		294	2%	\$3,351
<b>Total</b>	<b>13,618</b>	<b>3,173</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>16,791</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>\$191,507</b>

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Annual Report

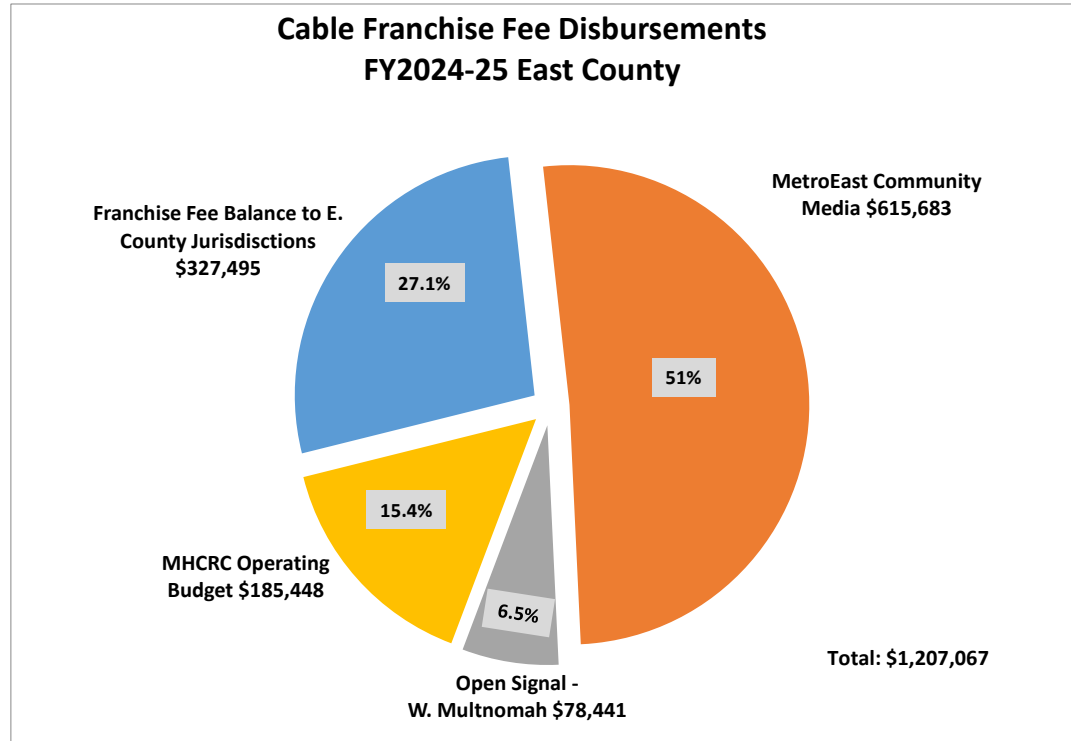
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Portland	Comcast Subscribers
Portland (West)	16,677
Portland (East)	25,242
Hayden Island	684
Annexed Portland	11,105
<b>Total</b>	<b>53,708</b>

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Annual Report

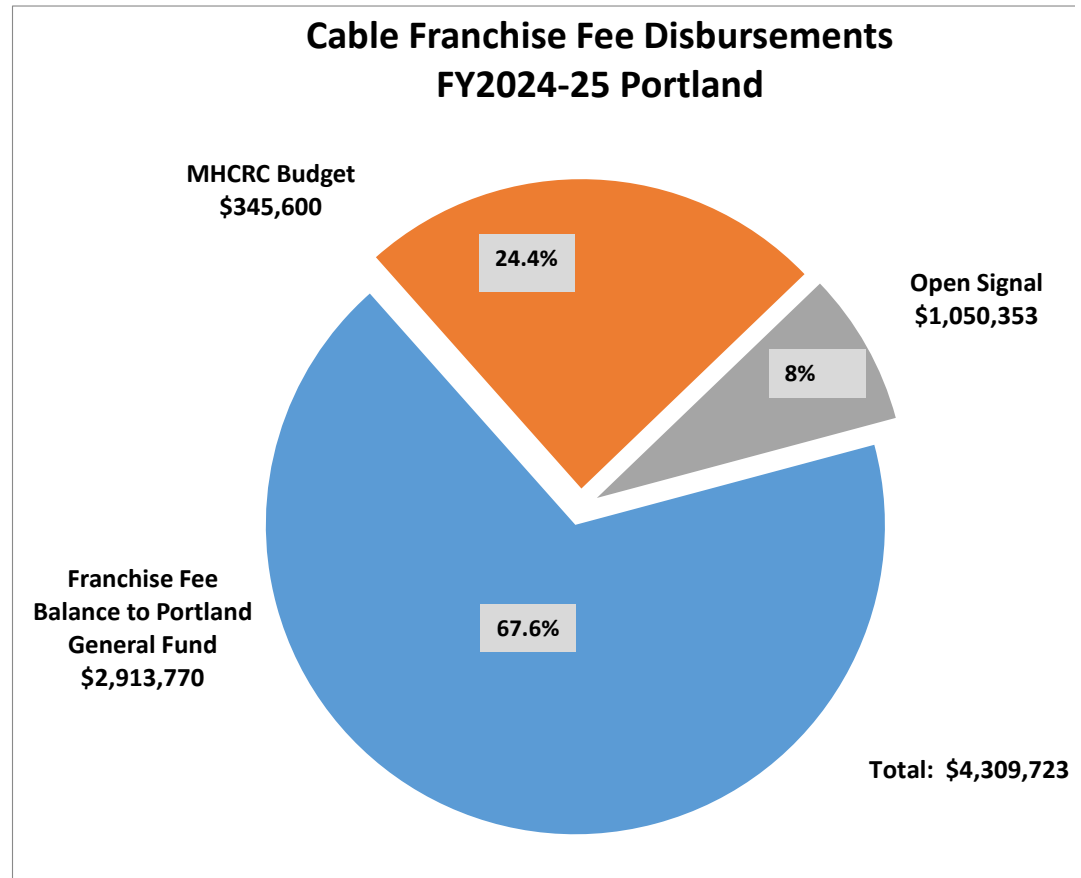
**Cable Franchise Fee Disbursements  
FY2024-25  
East County**

Franchise Fee Balance to E. County Jurisdictions	\$327,495	27.1%
MetroEast Community Media	\$615,683	51.0%
MetroEast - W. Multnomah	\$78,441	6.5%
MHCRC Operating Budget	\$185,448	15.4%
<b>Total:</b>	<b>\$1,207,067</b>	



**Cable Franchise Fee Disbursements  
FY2024-25  
Portland**

Franchise Fee Balance to Portland General Fund	<b>\$2,913,770</b>	67.6%
Open Signal - Portland GF Operations	<b>\$1,050,353</b>	24.4%
MHCRC Budget - Portland Special Appropriation	<b>\$345,600</b>	8.0%
<b>Total:</b>	<b><u>\$4,309,723</u></b>	
<b>Additional resource to OS</b>	<b>\$177,800</b>	
	<b>\$4,487,523</b>	



## Budget Vs Actuals

MHCRC Fund 855	FY23		FY24		FY25	
Revenue	Budget	Actuals	Budget	Actuals	Budget	Actuals
PEG	\$4,273,849	\$4,103,158	\$4,020,151	\$3,655,942	\$3,609,427	\$3,312,988
Expenditure	Budget	Actuals	Budget	Actuals	Budget	Actuals
Community Media Capital (MetroEast/OS)*	\$2,610,600	\$3,132,351	\$2,290,365	\$1,739,635	\$2,292,723	\$2,292,723
Community Technology Grants	\$1,911,677	\$1,715,022	\$2,000,000	\$1,490,703	\$1,000,000	\$628,658
		<b>\$4,847,373</b>		<b>\$3,230,338</b>		<b>\$2,921,381</b>
<b>Difference</b>		<b>(\$744,215)</b>		<b>\$425,604</b>		<b>\$391,607</b>

*\*Review Revenue Receipts for breakdown of PEG to JDX*

**MHCRC Operating Budget FY2024-25 Budget to Actuals**

<b>MHCRC Administrative / Regulatory Program</b>		
<u>Revenues</u>	<u>Budget</u>	<u>Actual</u>
City of Portland Appropriation	\$345,600	\$345,600
East County Appropriations	185,445	185,445
FY 23-24 Carryover/Supplemental	420,734	485,396
Interest Revenue Allocation	135,914	135,914
<b>Total Revenues</b>	<b>\$1,173,730</b>	<b>\$1,152,315</b>
<u>Expenditures</u>		
Personnel	\$386,062	\$458,311
External Materials & Services	217,750	189,728
Internal Materials & Services	7,500	2,729
GF Overhead (annual)	156,316	156,316
Contingency		
<b>Total Expenditures</b>	<b>\$767,628</b>	<b>\$807,084</b>
<b>Net Unspent Juris Appropriations</b>	<b>\$406,102</b>	<b>\$345,231</b>

<b>MHCRC Capital Fund Compliance Program</b>		
<u>Revenues</u>	<u>Budget</u>	<u>Actual</u>
Fund Compliance Admin	\$406,102	\$345,131
<b>Total Revenues</b>	<b>\$406,102</b>	<b>\$345,131</b>
<u>Expenditures</u>		
Personnel Services	\$259,344	\$205,275
External Materials & Services	39,250	32,144
Internal Materials & Services	2,500	2,704
GF Overhead	105,008	105,008
Contingency		
<b>Total Expenditures</b>	<b>\$406,102</b>	<b>\$345,131</b>
<b>Net Compliance Program</b>	<b>\$0</b>	<b>\$0</b>

Revenue Breakdown, tie to Adopted budget  
 Admin 951,779  
 Compliant 406,102  
 Interest 135,914  
**1,493,795**

Exp Breakdown, tie to Adopted budget  
 Admin 767,628  
 Compliant 406,102  
**1,173,730**

**MHCRC FUND BUDGET  
FISCAL YEAR 2024-25**

	2020-21 Actual	2021-22 Actual	2022-23 Actual	2023-24 Adopted	2024-25 Proposed
<b>RESOURCES</b>					
E. County Franch. Fees, Comcast	\$1,337,257	\$1,337,459	\$1,296,372	\$1,326,435	\$1,107,818
E. County Franch. Fees Mult West, Comcast	\$194,185	\$103,957	\$100,075	\$03,059	\$95,257
E. County Franch. Fees, Zephyr Fiber	\$130,390	\$102,531	\$09,852	\$40,700	\$45,130
Operating Budget Appropriation-Portland	\$294,418	\$348,545	\$344,396	\$354,728	\$345,600
Interest Earned*	\$95,194	\$58,300	\$140,502	\$146,122	\$275,596
PEG / Livet Capital Fee	\$4,338,687	\$4,246,471	\$4,071,634	\$4,020,151	\$3,809,427
<b>Total Resources</b>	<b>\$8,306,130</b>	<b>\$8,197,343</b>	<b>\$8,024,131</b>	<b>\$6,981,261</b>	<b>\$5,539,822</b>
Beginning Fund Balance	\$3,120,131	\$2,212,420	\$2,037,853	\$1,947,977	\$1,808,897
Unspent Comm Technology Grants	\$297,488	\$186,008	\$102,555	\$171,594	\$52,340
Unspent TechSmart Initiative Grants	\$6,913,896	\$1,883,489	\$542,812	\$4,865,417	\$5,519,423
Unallocated balance		\$2,292,913	\$5,280,818		
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$18,640,643</b>	<b>\$12,534,091</b>	<b>\$13,987,866</b>	<b>\$12,976,249</b>	<b>\$12,920,402</b>
<b>EXPENDITURES</b>					
MHCRC Operating Budget	\$1,254,888	\$1,249,431	\$704,421	\$1,520,797	\$1,494,461
Franchise Fee Balance to Jurisdictions	\$472,590	\$426,889	\$401,477	\$303,887	\$290,010
Community Media Part, E. County (MetroEast)	\$884,189	\$853,994	\$819,799	\$773,346	\$663,547
Community Media Part, Mult. West (MetroEast)*					\$51,508
Community Media Part, Mult. West (Open Signal)	\$82,511	\$82,375	\$80,585	\$56,759	
Community Media Capital (MetroEast/OS)*	\$2,083,120	\$1,566,576	\$2,010,000	\$2,250,365	\$2,292,720
Intel Grants					
Community Technology Grants	\$889,211	\$925,409	\$1,202,821	\$2,000,000	\$1,000,000
TechSmart Initiative Grants					
Community Grants Contingency				\$800,000	\$800,000
<b>Total Expenditures</b>	<b>\$5,639,499</b>	<b>\$5,097,093</b>	<b>\$5,806,454</b>	<b>\$7,806,244</b>	<b>\$6,692,650</b>

<b>Total Expenditures</b>	<b>30,020,409</b>	<b>30,097,003</b>	<b>30,009,494</b>	<b>37,005,294</b>	<b>30,992,600</b>
Net Change in Fund Balance	\$11,020,153	\$7,430,406	\$0,066,474	\$5,170,595	\$0,327,032
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$10,646,043</b>	<b>\$12,534,091</b>	<b>\$13,907,068</b>	<b>\$12,076,249</b>	<b>\$12,920,482</b>

**MHCR FY24-25 OPERATING BUDGET- Line-Item Detail**

Detail	FY20-21 Actual	FY21-22 Actual	FY22-23 Actual	FY23-24 Adopted	FY24-25 Proposed
<b>Expenditures</b>					
Personnel - MHCR Admin	410,853	591,481	482,333	786,554	618,140
Indirect Personnel - Bureau Support	0	0	0	0	150,474
<b>Total Personnel Services</b>	<b>410,853</b>	<b>591,481</b>	<b>482,333</b>	<b>786,554</b>	<b>778,614</b>
External Fund Audit	10,024	6,000	14,490	6,800	15,900
Professional Services	372,923	39,857	70,875	146,300	83,712
Legal Services	N/A <sup>(1)</sup>			50,000	57,000
Miscellaneous Services	5,761	8,413	837	6,750	16,500
Office/Operating Supplies	2,894	4,611	3,173	5,305	3,419
Education	6,280	130	7,585	14,375	4,143
Local Travel	0		20	500	500
Out-of-Town Travel	0		3,530	2,700	3,034
Miscellaneous	2,980	302	3,293		6,150
<b>Total External Materials &amp; Services</b>	<b>440,283</b>	<b>112,713</b>	<b>173,769</b>	<b>426,430</b>	<b>479,283</b>
Fleet Services	0			0	
Print/Distribution	592	224		0	
Facilities Services	37,439	68,889	28,194	64,187	
EBS Services	0	0		0	
Information Technology (IT)	17,113	1,837	778	34,845	
Insurance/Walkers Comp	4,236			11,240	
Technical Accounting IA	9,000		8,179	15,000	
Mgmt Services (Bus Ops) IA	0	4,300		0	
Other	0	0	1,229		100,850
<b>Total Internal Services</b>	<b>688,629</b>	<b>875,730</b>	<b>836,319</b>	<b>1125,280</b>	<b>1100,850</b>
GF Overhead	9,609	25,000		25,000	
Contingency - General	53,295	0	0	117,533	
Encumbrance Carryover	21,041	0	161,000	170,000	420,734
<b>Total Fund Level Expenditures</b>	<b>\$ 80,935</b>	<b>\$ 25,000</b>	<b>\$ 161,000</b>	<b>\$ 342,533</b>	<b>\$ 420,734</b>
<b>Total Expenditures</b>	<b>\$ 965,480</b>	<b>\$ 820,923</b>	<b>\$ 865,421</b>	<b>\$ 1,520,797</b>	<b>\$ 1,494,461</b>
Franchise Admin Program Expenses	614,239	485,031	300,730	558,378	657,623
Capital Fund Compliance Expenses	351,101	335,032	400,691	392,421	406,102
Encumbrance Carryover	0	0	161,000	170,000	420,734
<b>Resources</b>					
Appropriation from Jurisdiction	472,530	536,223	529,840	545,734	531,711
Year-end Balance - Carryover	0	0	161,000	170,000	420,734
Year-end Voucher - Savings	0	0	0	114,598	
Interest Revenue Allocation	147,608	58,380	52,598	258,014	135,314
Appropriation from Fund Compliance	433,869	433,868	407,384	732,421	408,102
<b>Total Resources</b>	<b>\$ 1,054,006</b>	<b>\$ 1,028,471</b>	<b>\$ 1,150,622</b>	<b>\$ 1,520,737</b>	<b>\$ 1,494,461</b>
Year-End Operations Balance	\$ 66,536	\$ 207,543	\$ 325,193	\$ -	\$ -

\*Total IMS includes Indirect Personnel (\$160,474) and Bureau of Planning and Sustainability (BPS) internal services share of rent, facilities, IT, fleet services, etc. (\$100,850). Grand total \$261,324

title of note	MHCR OH Jul-Sep FY24
This journal is to pay quarterly overhead to the bureau from MHCR.	
Total Budget: CDCMHOPAD0000GC Admin & Regulation: \$156,316 CDCMHOPCC0000GC Capital Compliance: \$105,008	
Total OH: \$261,324 Quarterly billing: \$65,331.00	

Interest Chart thru FY2024-25

Interest Fund Balance - history				A=Actual
Earnings and Expenditures by Fiscal Year				E=Estimated
Fiscal Year	Interest Earned	Net Admin. Expenditures	Change	Cumulative Balance
			<b>Beginning Balance</b>	\$196,968
2005-06	\$100,333	(\$99,294)	\$1,039	\$198,007
2006-07	\$171,764	(\$92,312)	\$79,452	\$277,458
2007-08	\$161,699	(\$92,771)	\$68,928	\$346,386
2008-09	\$126,158	(\$109,703)	\$16,455	\$362,842
2009-10	\$71,976	(\$98,233)	(\$26,257)	\$336,585
2010-11	\$32,395	(\$109,045)	(\$76,650)	\$259,935
2011-12	\$34,324	(\$129,708)	(\$95,384)	\$164,550
2012-13	\$30,329	(\$66,281)	(\$35,952)	\$128,599
2013-14	\$43,567	\$0	\$43,567	\$172,165
2014-15	\$57,577	\$0	\$57,577	\$229,742
2015-16	\$91,898	\$0	\$91,898	\$321,640
2016-17	\$136,434	\$0	\$136,434	\$458,075
2017-18	\$184,274	\$0	\$184,274	\$642,348
2018-19	\$291,297	\$0	\$291,297	\$933,646
2019-20	\$ 265,053	\$0	\$265,053	\$1,198,699
2020-21	\$ 95,194	(\$147,608)	(\$52,414)	\$1,146,285
2021-22	\$ 58,380	(\$58,380)	(\$0)	\$1,186,284
2022-23	\$ 151,352	(\$92,598)	\$58,764	\$1,245,050
2023-24	\$ 276,473	(\$3,686)	\$272,787	\$1,517,837
2024-25	\$ 291,981	(\$135,914)	\$156,067	\$1,673,904

**MHCRC Fund - Revenues and Disbursements by Major Categories**  
**FY 2024-2025**

<b>Cable Franchise Fee Revenues and Expenditures - MHCRC Fund</b>		
<b><u>Revenues</u></b>		
Comcast	\$1,153,351	
Ziplay	\$26,097	
	<b>Total Revenues</b>	<b>\$1,179,448</b>
<b><u>Expenditures</u></b>		
Franchise Fee Balance to East County Jurisdictions	\$286,328	
MetroEast - Franchise Fees, East County	\$707,671	
PCM - Franchise Fees, Multnomah West		
MHCRC Admin. Budget, East County Share	\$185,448	
	<b>Total Expenditures</b>	<b>\$1,179,447</b>

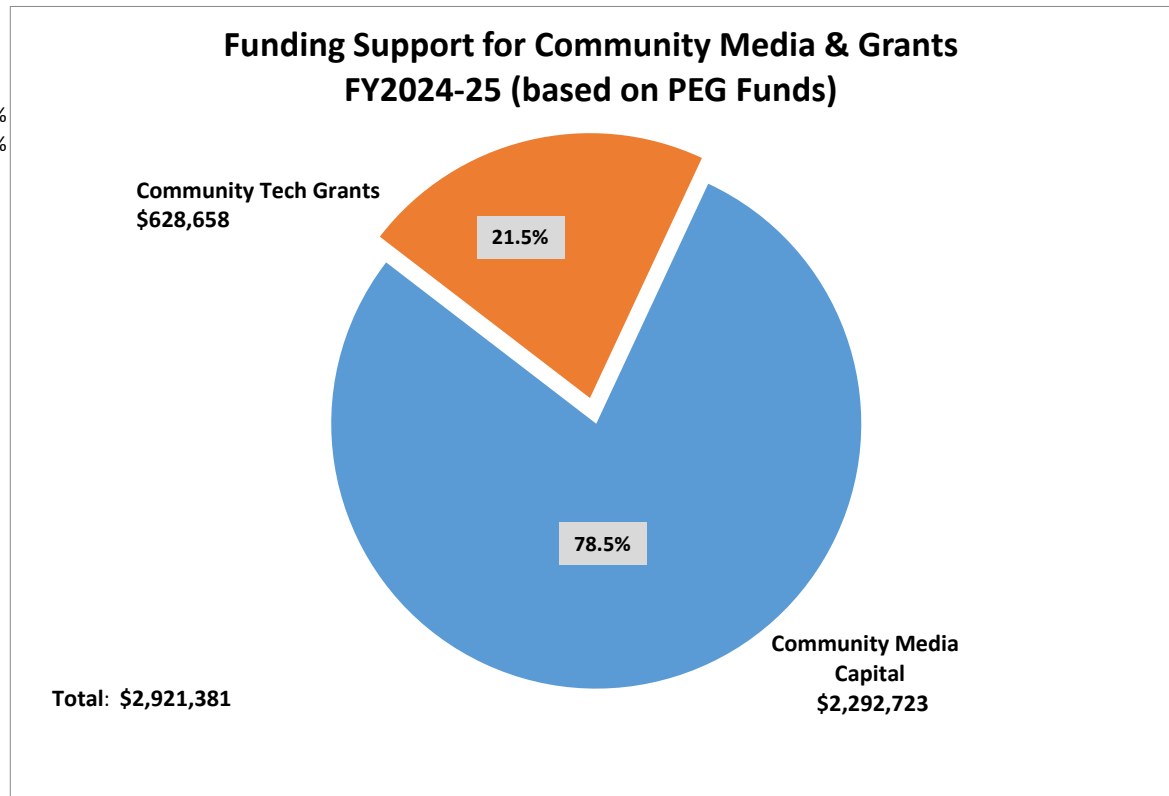
<b>MHCRC PEG-I-Net Fee Revenues - Capital Expenditures/Allocations</b>		
	<b>Beginning Balance</b>	<b>\$7,380,660</b>
<b><u>Revenues</u></b>		
PEG/I-Net Fee	<b>Total Revenues</b>	<b>\$ 3,293,501</b>
<b><u>Expenditures</u></b>		
Capital Fund Compliance Program	\$345,131	
Community Media Capital	\$2,292,723	
	<b>Total Expenditures</b>	<b>\$2,637,854</b>
<b><u>Grants Awarded</u></b>		
Community Technology Grants	\$628,658	
	<b>Total Grants Awarded</b>	<b>\$628,658</b>
	<b>*Available Balance</b>	<b>\$7,407,649</b>

<b><u>* Available Balance - Detail</u></b>		
Fund Compliance Program	\$	1,553,272
PEG/I-Net fee rev		\$5,854,377
	<b>Available Balance</b>	<b>\$ 7,407,649</b>



**Funding Support for Public, Education and Government  
FY2024-25**

Community Media Capital	<u>\$2,292,723</u>	78.5%
Community Grants (comm tech+TechSmart)	<u>\$628,658</u>	21.5%
	<u><u>\$2,921,381</u></u>	



**Revenues - Actuals Comparison**

<b>Cable Franchise Fees</b>	<b>FY2023-24</b>	<b>FY2024-25</b>	<b>Change</b>
Portland	\$ 4,770,149	\$ 4,309,723	\$ (460,426)
East County, Comcast	\$ 1,184,593	\$ 1,062,162	\$ (122,431)
East County, Frontier (Zipty)*	\$ 45,707	\$ 26,097	\$ (19,610)
<b>Franchise Fees Total</b>	<b>\$ 6,000,449</b>	<b>\$ 5,397,981</b>	<b>\$ (602,468)</b>
PEG/I-Net Fees	\$ 3,659,225	\$ 3,293,501	\$ (365,724)
Fund Interest	\$ 276,473	\$ 291,981	\$ 15,508

**Community Media Centers Payments - Actuals Comparison**

**FY2023-2024 vs FY2024-2025**

<b>Open Signal</b>	<b>FY2023-24</b>	<b>FY2024-25</b>	<b>Change</b>
Portland General Fund	\$ 1,053,543	\$ 1,231,343	\$ 177,800
Multnomah West Franchise Fees	\$ 58,955	\$ 54,714	\$ (1,630)
Community Media Capital	\$ 1,713,642	\$ 1,128,344	\$ 147,282
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$ 2,826,140</b>	<b>\$ 2,414,401</b>	<b>\$ 195,821</b>

<b>MetroEast Community Media</b>	<b>FY2023-24</b>	<b>FY2024-25</b>	<b>Change</b>
East County Franchise Fees	\$ 738,177	\$ 707,671	\$ (30,506)
Community Media Capital	\$ 916,146	\$ 1,164,379	\$ 248,233
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$ 1,654,323</b>	<b>\$ 1,872,050</b>	<b>\$ 217,727</b>



# Mt. Hood Cable Regulatory Commission

Serving Multnomah County and the Cities of Fairview, Gresham, Portland, Troutdale & Wood Village

## **COVER SHEET – AGENDA ITEM R4**

For Commission Meeting: October 13, 2025

### **Community Technology Grants Peer Learning Event**

#### **Staff Recommendation**

Information Only

#### **Background/Discussion**

Planning is underway for the MHCRC Grantee Peer Learning Event, which will be held on October 30th, 2025. The event will be facilitated by Paula Manley with support by staff member Rana DeBey. Commissioners Julia DeGraw and Jeff Dennerline will be in attendance along with staff representatives from the community media centers. The event is for all current grantees as well as recent grantees to come together to celebrate impact, build networks and strengthen community.

**When:** Thursday, October 30th, *half day*

**Where:** The Laurelhurst Club, 3721 SE Ankeny St, Portland, OR 97214

**Who Attends:** Project Managers, Key Volunteers, and other staff at grantee recipients who have familiarity with current or previously funded grant projects centered around video production

Our shared time together will include:

- Celebrating productions that are made possible by the MHCRC grant program and the impact of the funding program.
- Getting to know and/or learn from other grantees
- Learning about the history and impact of the MHCRC Community Technology Grants program
- Having time for Q & A with MHCRC Commissioners
- Sharing a meal with fellow MHCRC grantees

Prepared By: Rana DeBey

October 7, 2025



## **INFORMATION ONLY**



# Mt. Hood Cable Regulatory Commission

Serving Multnomah County and the Cities of Fairview, Gresham, Portland, Troutdale & Wood Village

## MEMORANDUM

For Commission Meeting: October 2025

To: Mt. Hood Cable Regulatory Commission

From: Kevin Block

RE: October 2025 Advocacy Update (Written on October 7, 2025)

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### Federal Legislation Update

At the time of drafting this memo the Federal government is shut down. No legislation will move forward during this time. Once the government reopens it is possible that the House will move forward with some combination of the list of bills below. These bills all received a hearing in the House Energy and Commerce Committee’s Subcommittee on Communications and Technology on September 18, 2025. If legislation does move forward, then the bills will likely be combined into an omnibus style bill like HR 3557 in 2023. As we move closer to an election year the likelihood of significant legislation passing decreases.

Here is the list of MHCRC relevant bills that were heard at the subcommittee hearing:

- **HR 278 – BROADBAND Leadership Act (Oppose)**
  - Requires franchise fees for telecommunications to be “cost-based”
  - Implements unnecessary shot-clocks with deemed granted provisions
- **HR 339 – Broadband Resiliency and Flexible Investment Act (Oppose)**
  - Requires local governments to approve any request for modification of any wireless tower, base station, or eligible support structure that doesn’t substantially change the dimensions of the structure
- **HR 5290 – Cable Transparency Act (Oppose)**
  - Allows cable operator to petition for removal of any non-PEG obligation in a franchise for “commercial impracticability”
- **HR 5147 – WIRELESS Leadership Act (Oppose)**
  - Implements deemed granted shot clocks for all wireless facilities.
- **HR 5170 – CABLE Leadership Act (Oppose)**
  - Creates shot clocks with deemed granted relief for cable franchise applications.



- *HR 5266 – 5G UPGRADE Act (Oppose)*
  - Implements deemed granted shot clocks for all wireless facilities.
- *HR 5311 – CABLE Expansion Act (Oppose)*
  - Creates deemed granted relief for applications to construct, modify, or replace cable equipment.

This list represents only some of the bills presented at the September 18 subcommittee hearing. Many of these bills have overlapping, redundant, or even conflicting effects so if action is taken, it will likely be in the form of a consolidated bill like HR 3557.

For context HR 3557 was passed out of the Energy and Commerce Committee in 2023 but never received a vote from the full House. Attached is a letter the MHCRC sent to our federal delegation opposed to the bill for context.

Staff will continue to monitor these bills and bring forward advocacy proposals as they arise.

### **FCC Updates**

At its September 30, 2025, open meeting the FCC voted to open a Notice of Inquiry (NOI) seeking comments on barriers to wireline broadband deployment. MHCRC staff believe the intent of this NOI is to start creating a record that will enable the FCC to implement cost-based franchise fees and shot clocks for wireline broadband deployment. Currently, franchises governing cable are explicitly excluded from the NOI; however, the outcome of this docket could have implications for future actions that may impact cable. At this time, staff will continue to monitor docket but also recommends that commissioners inform their local jurisdictions. National organizations such as NATOA and League of Cities will likely file in response to the NOI and MHCRC jurisdictions could provide input.



## Mt. Hood Cable Regulatory Commission

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October 24, 2023

The Honorable Ron Wyden  
United States Senate  
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Washington, D.C. 20510

The Honorable Jeff Merkley  
United States Senate  
313 Hart Senate Office Building Washington,  
D.C. 20510

The Honorable Suzanne Bonamici  
United States House of Representatives  
2231 Rayburn House Office Building  
Washington, D.C. 20515

The Honorable Earl Blumenauer  
United States House of Representatives  
1111 Longworth House Office Building  
Washington, D.C. 20515

The Honorable Lori Chavez-DeRemer  
United States House of Representatives  
1722 Longworth House Office Building  
Washington, D.C. 20515

The Honorable Andrea Salinas  
United States House of Representatives  
109 Cannon House Office Building  
Washington, D.C. 20515

Dear Senators and Representatives,

We are contacting you to express our deep concerns and strong opposition to H.R. 3557, the American Broadband Deployment Act of 2023. H.R. 3557 deprives residents, their local governments, and their designated Local Franchising Authorities (LFAs) of the ability to preserve property rights and maintain public safety.

The proponents of this legislation have suggested that local governments are an impediment to successful broadband deployment, especially with the unprecedented levels of federal investment that are being made right now. This simply isn't true. Furthermore, despite the stated goal of this legislation, it needlessly attacks the ability of LFAs to fairly and justly manage their cable franchise agreements and their rights-of-way. H.R. 3557 should be opposed because it:

- Eliminates cable franchise renewals, thereby removing ability of state or local communities to enforce franchise obligations such as build-out, customer service, and PEG<sup>1</sup>
- Allows cable franchisees to modify the terms of franchise agreements and to renege on cable franchises<sup>2</sup>
- Affirmatively grants cable operators the right to provide non-cable services while prohibiting localities from imposing any fees on cable operators' revenue from non-cable services
- Implements unnecessary shot-clocks and limits the ability of localities to modify requirements based on current and future needs

Perhaps most alarming about H.R. 3557 is the promotion of the myth that making these proposed changes to our rights-of-way authority will unlock lower prices for consumers. There's no proof that any of these

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<sup>1</sup> <https://www.congress.gov/bill/118th-congress/house-bill/3557/text?s=1&r=1&q=%7B%22search%22%3A%5B%22hr3557%22%5D%7D#HC9BE26481BC44B4E9AB01C54B475BD32>

<sup>2</sup> <https://www.congress.gov/bill/118th-congress/house-bill/3557/text?s=1&r=1&q=%7B%22search%22%3A%5B%22hr3557%22%5D%7D#HCC4EE826BDF843EDADE37D30F7ADE2D1>



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conditions happened in states where local governments have been pre-empted. States such as Texas have not demonstrated any benefits from a statewide law compared to other states and there is no evidence that a national pre-emption of local authority would have a positive effect, either.

Further, state and local governments were not given a meaningful opportunity to provide input during the expedited House Energy and Commerce Committee consideration of this bill. As currently written, H.R. 3557 is an unprecedented and unacceptable federal preemption of local authority. This bill would be universally detrimental to local communities across the nation.

As the level of government closest to the people, we have been entrusted with the fair and just management of the right-of-way and as municipalities and counties we must ensure that residents receive fair and just compensation for use of this public asset. Therefore, we oppose heavy-handed federal overreach into local land use, permitting, and franchise negotiation decisions. Congress has historically recognized these rights in Sections 224, 253, and 332 of the Telecommunications Act. These authorities are critical to conduct responsible stewardship of public property, protect public safety, and preserve the rights of residents as consumers of broadband services and neighbors to the infrastructure that makes connectivity possible.

We urge you to oppose H.R. 3557 and ask that Congressional leadership consult local governments prior to any similar legislative efforts being considered in the future. Thank you for your attention to this important matter.

Sincerely,

Julia DeGraw, Mt. Hood Cable Regulatory Commission Chairperson



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# Cable Complaints Summary



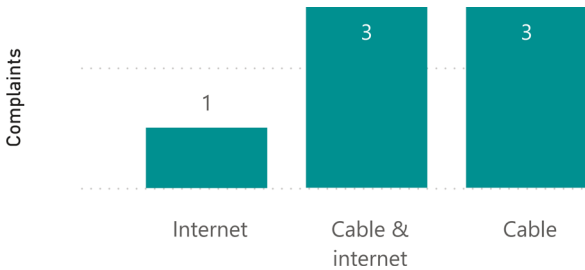
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## Comcast

Tickets **8**      Avg Days to Solve **14.7**

### Complaints by Issue and Service

Issue Type	Count of Tickets
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Billing/Cost	1
Installation/Repair	3
Other	2
Phones	0
<b>Total</b>	<b>8</b>

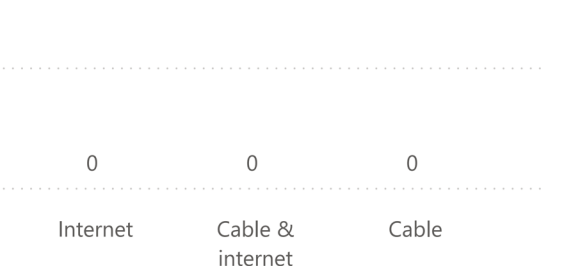


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### Complaints by Issue and Service

Issue Type	Count of Tickets
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## Complaint Volume by Zip Code

