# 257 Nevs Multhomah County 457 Deferred Compensation Plan Newsletter SECOND QUARTER | 2024



## Good news. We're lowering the cost to participate

As a participant in the Multnomah County Deferred Compensation Plan (Plan), you may already be on the path to a more financially secure retirement. Along with a diverse array of investment options, Multnomah County (County) is committed to keeping the cost of participation to a minimum, which could mean more of your money is invested and working for you.

### Plan fees for administration

The County is pleased to announce a reduction in the annual administrative fee from 0.11% to 0.10%. This annual fee will continue to be pro-rated and deducted from your account balance monthly. The reduced fee is effective July 1, 2024, and will be reflected on your third quarter Plan account statement.

### Managed account advisory services

Voya Retirement Advisors, LLC (VRA), powered by Morningstar Investment Management LLC., is available through the Plan and offers two solutions that can help take some of the guesswork out of managing your Plan account: Online Advice (available at no cost) and Professional Management (available for an additional fee).

Professional Management is a fee-based program that not only provides personalized advice and guidance from the investment professionals at VRA but also has a service that puts those recommendations into action for you. Currently, the cost for Professional Management is 0.40% annually on the entire account balance.

Effective July 1, 2024, the fee structure for Professional Management is changing. The fee is calculated quarterly based on your account balance; fees charged to Plan accounts are subject to the tiered fee schedule below:

Participant balance	Annualized fee
\$0.01 - \$100,000.00	0.40%
\$100,000.01 to \$250,000.00	0.30%
\$250,000.01 or higher	0.20%

If you're interested in signing up or want more information, simply log into your Plan account at multnomah.beready2retire.com > click Investments & Research > Get Investment Advice. Follow the prompts to sign up for the option that's works for you.

Questions? Please call the Voya Customer Service Center at (800) 584-6001 and speak with a Customer Service Associate. If your question pertains to Professional Management, please ask to speak with a VRA Investment Advisor Representative. They are available weekdays, from 5:00 a.m. to 6:00 p.m. PT, excluding market holidays.

**IMPORTANT:** Projections or other information generated by VRA regarding the likelihood of various retirement income and/or investment outcomes are hypothetical in nature, do not reflect actual results (including investment results) and are not guarantees of future results. Results may vary with each use and over time.

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### Are you an Employment Extender? Here's what you should know.

Ask yourself this question: Are you working or planning to work past a traditional retirement age? If you answered "yes," then you are an Employment Extender. You have you own motivations, financial considerations and personal concerns that keep you working and delaying retirement. To understand more about what that may mean for you, consider which one of these types of Employment Extenders you are.

- *Want to work:* Employment Extenders may be financially prepared to retire, but still enjoy working.
- **Part of the plan (working longer by design):** Employment Extenders may have always planned to work longer to be fully prepared for retirement...and still enjoy working.
- *Worriers:* Employment Extenders may be working longer because they are not confident they have enough to cover unexpected expenses. This leads them to keep saving, even if they don't necessarily like working.
- **Need to work:** Employment Extenders may be working longer because they are not ready to retire. Even though they don't necessarily like working, they continue to work because limited resources have made saving difficult.

Easterseals and Voya Financial<sup>®</sup> joined forces in 2022 to explore the mindset and needs of Employment Extenders. Visit **voya.com/ sites/www/files/2023-01/Voya\_Cares\_Employment\_Extenders. pdf** to read their research paper about how many Employment Extenders are working longer because they want to, what Employment Extenders list as their main goals in retirement, how the economy is changing calculations for retirement, retirement considerations for Employment Extenders that are not top of mind but maybe should be, and more.

When you're ready to make a plan for your retirement, we want to help. Schedule an appointment with your local Voya financial professional at the Lewis-Stefani Group\* to review and discuss your retirement saving strategy by calling 800.238.6281 or 503.937.0378 or emailing deferredcomp@lewis-stefani.com.

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## Actions today to help you plan for tomorrow

### Part 1: Get started

In the first part of our three-part series, set goals and get organized as you begin taking specific, simple steps towards retirement.

### Set your retirement goals

- Create your vision for retirement. Consider how you'll spend your days and what you want to accomplish.
- Pick your retirement dream date. The sooner you hope to retire, the more you'll have to save and manage your spending now.

### Organize your finances

- Gather your financial documents. This may include account statements, insurance policies, investment information, wills, trust documents, and more.
- Determine your net worth by totaling up what you own (real estate, vehicles, bank accounts, retirement savings, etc.) and what you owe (mortgage, loans, credit cards, other debts, etc.).

### Estimate your expenses in retirement

- Write down what you expect to spend each month in retirement. As some expenses may go down in retirement, remember that your healthcare costs in retirement are likely to increase compared to what they are now.
- Consider planning to have at least 70% of your current income to cover your expenses in retirement.

Visit **voya.com/page/on-demand/nearing-retirement-seriesgetting-started** to learn more about each of these steps. For help getting organized and making a plan to help achieve your retirement goals, schedule an appointment with your local Voya financial professional at the Lewis-Stefani Group\* to review and discuss your retirement saving strategy by calling 800.238.6281 or 503.937.0378 or emailing deferredcomp@lewis-stefani.com.

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- Thursday, July 4: Independence Day
- Monday, September 2: Labor Day