

Priority:	Accountability	Lead Agency:	Chair
Program Offer Type:	Existing Operating	Program Contact:	Delma Farrell
Related Programs:			
Frameworks:	School Aged Policy Framework, Early Childhood Framework, Poverty Framework, 10-year Plan to End Homelessness		

Executive Summary

The Chair is County Chief Executive Officer (CEO), Personnel Officer, and has a vote on the Board of County Commissioners in setting legislative activities and policy direction. The Chair administers all departments and programs except those under other electeds, develops the annual Executive Budget, has authority over litigation, signs contracts, bonds and other instruments, appoints department directors, manages the Board agenda, and makes appointments to citizen advisory boards and commissions. The Chair is a leader in setting and implementing County policy development and in defining the County's direction and priorities. The Chair has publicly reaffirmed her commitment to public processes assuring citizens have the opportunity to weigh in on County services and issues. The Chair has led the development of stronger relationships with the region's business community and plays an active role in improving our regional economic climate via organizations like the Portland Business Alliance, Citizens Crime Commission, Leaders Roundtable, Oregon Association of Minority Entrepreneurs and the Hispanic Metropolitan Chamber. In addition, the Chair is on the Board of the Association of Oregon Counties, the Portland/Multnomah Progress Board, and is a member of the National Association of Counties. The Chair maintains frequent and open communications with County employees, local elected officials, and regional and statewide leadership in the business and political arenas. The Chair has made a commitment through the outcome-oriented approaches of the frameworks to making our community stronger and safer.

Program Description

The Chair directs a \$1 billion budget, six Departments, hundreds of programs, 4700+ FTE and aligns these resources across all six budget priorities. The Chair and her staff communicate with employees, the public, and provide executive leadership and coordination. The Chair leads department directors and executive staff to assure County programs are aligned across the six budget priorities.

Program Justification

The Multnomah County Home Rule Charter assigns legislative powers to the Board of County Commissioners. In addition to legislative powers, the Charter specifies that the Chair be elected Countywide and serve as CEO. As such, the Chair demonstrates responsible leadership, maintains sound financial management strategies, and communicates with employees and the public. The Chair has the lead role in assuring departments allocate funds and implement program designs across the policy frameworks. This includes working with non-profits, school districts and other governments in setting common boundary lines to define regions for contractual and management purposes.

Performance Measures

The County's Aa1 bond rating is maintained and the County's budget is balanced. The Chair's Office averages 6650 contacts with constituents and employees per month. A constituent/customer survey is under development for next fiscal year to assess satisfaction with the responsiveness of the Chair's Office to a range of citizen requests. Chair Linn attended 48 of the 50 Regular Thursday Board Meetings and all Board Briefings scheduled in FY 2004-05. Department outcomes and databases will be aligned with the six budget priority areas which will make delivery of County services more efficient. The Chair sends frequent emails to all County employees updating them on a variety of County-related issues.

Summary of last year's program results and this year's expected results

The Chair directs and will continue to direct operations of all County departments. In the last fiscal year, the mental health system was overhauled to save taxpayer money and increase access to the system. Under the Chair's leadership, the School-Aged Policy Framework received national attention as a model to help children succeed. The Chair led the redesign of the County's overall budget process to focus more on citizen input and expectations. In FY05-06 the ITAX rampdown will be successful and the implementation of the Cultural Competency Framework will begin.

Program Mandate: 2 Mandated Program with Funding/Service Level Choice

Mandated. The Multnomah County Home Rule Charter, Chapter VI, 6.10, establishes the Chair's Office and contains the specific powers and duties of the Chair.

Revenue/Expense Detail

	Proposed General Fund	Proposed Other Funds	Proposed General Fund	Proposed Other Funds
	2005	2005	2006	2006
Program Expenses				
Personnel	\$927,415	\$0	\$929,334	\$0
Contracts	\$5,125	\$0	\$5,000	\$0
Materials & Supplies	\$81,500	\$0	\$47,500	\$0
Internal Services	\$164,095	\$0	\$15,796	\$0
Subtotal: Direct Exps:	\$1,178,135	\$0	\$997,630	\$0
Administration	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
Program Support	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
Subtotal: Other Exps:	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
Total GF/non-GF:	\$1,178,135	\$0	\$997,630	\$0
Program Total:	\$1,178,135		\$997,630	
Program FTE	0.00	0.00	8.50	0.00
Program Revenues				
Program Revenue for Admin	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
Total Revenue:	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0

Explanation of Revenues

No revenues.

Significant Program Changes

This administration is committed to the following guiding principles: A balanced system that addresses prevention, intervention and response within our public safety and human services arenas, within our means, and in our most appropriate, effective role; Delivery of culturally competent services that are responsive to the changing needs of the community and that celebrate diversity; Contributions to a healthy economy that ensure quality of life, reduce poverty and generate revenues to support citizen priorities; Defining the County's role as a strong and effective partner within the broader community to address education and other citizen priorities; Encouraging and supporting innovation, creativity and new ways to approach delivery of services. The Chair will lead a County-wide economic development initiative focused on business recruitment and other efforts leading to quality jobs for residents. The Chair will continue to pursue multi-jurisdictional collaboration, including partnership with City Mayor Tom Potter's and City Commissioner Sam Adam's public safety initiative.