

Priority: Accountability
Program Offer Type: Existing Operating
Related Programs:

Lead Agency: District 2
Program Contact: Serena Cruz Walsh

Program Characteristics:

Executive Summary

Commissioner Cruz Walsh is one of five elected members that comprise the governing body for Multnomah County.

Program Description

Commissioner Cruz Walsh and her staff focus on taking care of vulnerable people in our community, educating our children, making government more accountable and keeping our families safe. She and her staff strive to be responsive to community concerns and to collaborate in developing innovative and effective approaches toward solving community problems. She is in the final year of her second term on the Board of County Commissioners.

Program Justification

In order to ensure that Multnomah County achieves the result sought by our citizens for accountability: "I want my government to be accountable on every level," Commissioner Cruz Walsh introduces legislation to enhance County services and partnerships, provides Board oversight of the county budget process and monitors the administration of County government. To provide the necessary leadership to achieve the result of an accountable government, Commissioner Cruz Walsh carefully analyzes the data and systems of the County but she also makes sure that our work is done in a transparent manner, providing opportunities for County residents to engage in the work that we do and she responds to their concerns.

Commissioner Cruz Walsh's Key Results for FY05-06 are the best program justification:

1. Rent assistance realignment. The Board adopted an IGA pooling rent assistance resources from the County, City and the Housing Authority and creating one set of outcomes to measure the results of our investments.
2. Portland Homeless Connect. This event that brought out 400 volunteers to serve nearly 900 homeless people. The County's participation was key to the event's success: we coordinated health care, dental and vision services, mental health services, veterans assistance, and event management. We are now planning a PHC targeted to homeless families.
3. Bridges to Housing. Commissioner Cruz Walsh is securing financial and political support for this four-county effort to provide permanent housing for homeless families.
4. Joint City/County Public Safety Budgeting. Commissioner Cruz Walsh serves on the sponsor group and is preparing collaborative proposals to bring back to the Board.
5. Connecting Families and Schools. In collaboration with area school districts our office developed a tool to help schools build relationships with families. It is endorsed by many community groups.

Performance Measures

Measure Type	Primary Measure	Previous Year Actual (FY04-05)	Current Year Purchased (FY05-06)	Current Year Estimate (FY05-06)	Next Year Offer (FY06-07)
Output	Board Meeting/Briefing Attendance	92%	95%	100%	95%
Outcome	Constituent Response Goal	0%	90%	94%	92%
Output	Meetings in District	0	52	82	120
Outcome	Meetings in District Goal	0%	100%	158%	100%

Performance Measure - Description

Board Briefing/Meeting Attendance - this figure represents the % of official Board briefings/meetings attended. Constituent Response Goal - office standard is to respond to all constituent requests within 5 days. This figure represents the % of constituent responses that meet goal. Meetings in District - This figure is the number of community meetings attended within District 2. Our goal was at least one per week -- this is too low. We are revising our goal for next year to be at least 10 per month.

Legal/Contractual Obligation

The County Charter states that the governing body shall be a Board of five members and that there will be four commissioners who are elected by district. Commissioner Cruz Walsh represents District 2.

Revenue/Expense Detail

	Proposed General Fund	Proposed Other Funds	Proposed General Fund	Proposed Other Funds
	2006	2006	2007	2007
Program Expenses				
Personnel	\$310,574	\$0	\$335,944	\$0
Contracts	\$4,850	\$0	\$1,500	\$0
Materials & Supplies	\$7,913	\$0	\$4,735	\$0
Internal Services	\$6,663	\$0	\$4,525	\$0
Subtotal: Direct Exps:	\$330,000	\$0	\$346,704	\$0
Administration	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
Program Support	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
Subtotal: Other Exps:	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
Total GF/non-GF:	\$330,000	\$0	\$346,704	\$0
Program Total:	\$330,000		\$346,704	
Program FTE	0.00	0.00	3.45	0.00
Program Revenues				
Program Revenue for Admin	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
Total Revenue:	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0

Explanation of Revenues

Commissioner Cruz Walsh's office is funded by the General Fund.

Significant Program Changes

Last year this program was: #10002, District 2
There are no significant program changes.