

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

Lead Agency: District 2
Program Contact: Jeff Cogen

Program Characteristics:

Executive Summary

Commissioner Jeff Cogen is one of five elected members that comprise the Multnomah County Board of Commissioners. Commissioner Cogen represents the citizens of District 2 which includes North and Northeast Portland.

Program Description

Commissioner Cogen and his staff are dedicated to improving the health and welfare of Multnomah County residents by spearheading creative, cost-effective and practical avenues to community improvement. Commissioner Cogen is committed to championing programs and efforts that reflect our community's values and promote the common good.

In Commissioner Cogen's two years in office, he has fought for stable funding for Multnomah County's School Based Health Centers, ensuring children throughout the County have true access to primary care services. He has successfully worked with County Facilities, businesses and North Portland neighbors to deliver a long-awaited library in North Portland's Kenton neighborhood, opening in January 2010. District 2 has implemented a cell phone recycling program that keeps toxic chemicals out of landfills by providing convenient cell phone drop-off locations at County buildings and Libraries.

Commissioner Cogen is responsible for the ground-breaking drive to bring the Northwest's largest solar energy installation to Multnomah County's buildings, creating green jobs and saving tax dollars. The first phase of the project was completed in November of 2008 when the County's Yeon building began running on solar energy. Commissioner Cogen advocated for and won board approval of county-wide nutritional menu-labeling rules in February of 2009.

As our community and nation struggle with unprecedented economic conditions, Commissioner Cogen and his staff will deliver bold, innovative solutions to preserve the vital services our most vulnerable populations rely on for survival and continue to change Multnomah Count

Program Justification

Commissioner Cogen and his staff are accountable to the taxpayers of Multnomah County. All communication with Multnomah County's constituents is conducted in a respectful and open manner and concerns are responded to with haste. Commissioner Cogen and his staff maintain an open door policy with all members of the community and have made meeting with community members and other jurisdictions inside and outside the office a priority.

Performance Measures

Measure Type	Primary Measure	Previous Year Actual (FY07-08)	Current Year Purchased (FY08-09)	Current Year Estimate (FY08-09)	Next Year Offer (FY09-10)
Output	Response within 24 hours to constituent emails, calls and concerns	98	100	98	100
Outcome	Accountability to constituents	0	0	0	0
Output	Number of Meetings with the Public, Other Jurisdictions & Community Partners	1,090	0	1,200	1,200
Outcome	Building trust & fostering communication with community.	0	0	0	0

Performance Measure - Description

 **Measure Changed**

By responding to constituent concerns promptly and thoroughly, Commissioner Cogen has and will continue to build trust and demonstrate that he is accountable to his constituents. A new performance measure this year is a count of the number of community meetings & events with individual members of the public, other jurisdictions or community partners Commissioner Cogen or his staff have attended. This measure does not include regular Board Meetings, Briefings, or internal meetings with county staff or offices.

Legal/Contractual Obligation

The Board of County Commissioners offices are mandated by the Multnomah County Home Rule Charter. Chapter III, 3.10(3)

Revenue/Expense Detail

	Proposed General Fund	Proposed Other Funds	Proposed General Fund	Proposed Other Funds
Program Expenses	2009	2009	2010	2010
Personnel	\$339,717	\$0	\$367,668	\$0
Contracts	\$11,292	\$0	\$11,521	\$0
Materials & Supplies	\$5,406	\$0	\$7,394	\$0
Internal Services	\$63,386	\$0	\$55,917	\$0
Subtotal: Direct Exps:	\$419,801	\$0	\$442,500	\$0
Administration	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
Program Support	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
Subtotal: Other Exps:	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
Total GF/non-GF:	\$419,801	\$0	\$442,500	\$0
Program Total:	\$419,801		\$442,500	
Program FTE	4.00	0.00	3.50	0.00
Program Revenues				
Program Revenue for Admin	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
Total Revenue:	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0

Explanation of Revenues

District 2's budget is funded by the County General Fund. This year, in light of the unprecedented economic conditions impacting Multnomah County, Commissioner Cogen will forgo the scheduled salary increase recommended by the Independent Salary Commission. In addition, District 2 staff will forgo any merit or cost-of-living increases to their salaries.

Significant Program Changes

Last year this program was: #10002, BCC District 2