

**Lead Agency:** Chair  
**Program Offer Type:** Existing Operating  
**Related Programs:**  
**Program Characteristics:**

**Program Contact:** Jeff Cogen

**Executive Summary**

The Chair creates the vision and policy direction of Multnomah County and implements this vision as mandated by the Home Rule Charter. The Chair develops the Executive Budget; appoints and supervises department directors; has authority over litigation, contracts, and financial instruments; and manages the Board agenda. The Chair is the Chief Executive Officer and Chief Personnel Officer for the County.

In FY2011, the Chair's Office will provide leadership for the Board of County Commissioners still grappling with a recession and a financial structural deficit. The Chair's Office oversees all Department Directors, Information Technology, Emergency Management, Office of Diversity and Equity, Public Affairs Office, and the Office of Sustainability.

The Chair's priorities include protecting the health and safety of the community, especially the most vulnerable, supporting a community where everyone has an opportunity to thrive, and investing in better ways of doing business. Achieving these priorities is driven by the values of sustainability, prevention, innovation, creativity, diversity and equity and partnerships.

**Program Description**

The Chair directs a \$1 billion budget, six departments, hundreds of programs and over 4,400 FTE. Chair 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.

Chair Cogen will continue with his commitment to championing programs and efforts that reflect our community's values and promote the common good. As a Commissioner, he fought for stable funding for School Based Health Clinics; used surplus county land to grow 6 tons of fresh produce for the Oregon Food Bank; delivered a long-awaited library in North Portland; and implemented a cell phone recycling program that keeps toxic chemicals out of landfills. Chair Cogen was responsible for solar energy installations to County buildings, a county-wide nutritional menu-labeling policy and the successful effort to close a significant budget deficit by raising the County's Motor Vehicle Rental Tax.

In FY2011, the Chair's Office focuses on opening up County government and making it more accessible to the community. They will link with regional partners on solutions for the Sellwood Bridge, the East County Courthouse, and the Crisis Assessment and Treatment Center. A federal chronic disease prevention grant will fund community organizations to run programs that increase their community's physical activity, improve nutrition and decrease overweight/obesity rates. We will use technology to better connect the community to County services and to improve our processes. Implementing the Climate Action Plan is priority.

**Performance Measures**

Measure Type	Primary Measure	Previous Year Actual (FY08-09)	Current Year Purchased (FY09-10)	Current Year Estimate (FY09-10)	Next Year Offer (FY10-11)
Output	Performance evaluations & work plans	100.0%	100.0%	100.0%	100.0%
Outcome	Proposal and approval of FY11 budget	0	0	0	1
Output	Respond within 24 hours to constituent emails, calls and concerns.	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%	100.0%

**Performance Measure - Description**

Annual performance planning and reviews establish work plans for the upcoming year, evaluates performance, provides feedback, and documents outcomes and results. They also develop and support plans for improving in competency areas.

The annual budget achieves the integration of Board policy with service demands, operational needs and financial constraints.

By responding to constituent concerns promptly and thoroughly, Chair Cogen will continue to build trust and demonstrate that he is accountable to the public.

**Legal/Contractual Obligation****Revenue/Expense Detail**

	<b>Proposed General Fund</b>	<b>Proposed Other Funds</b>	<b>Proposed General Fund</b>	<b>Proposed Other Funds</b>
<b>Program Expenses</b>	2010	2010	2011	2011
Personnel	\$1,100,321	\$0	\$1,183,044	\$0
Contracts	\$190,000	\$0	\$30,173	\$0
Materials & Supplies	\$78,945	\$0	\$55,720	\$0
Internal Services	\$250,494	\$0	\$226,210	\$0
<b>Total GF/non-GF:</b>	<b>\$1,619,760</b>	<b>\$0</b>	<b>\$1,495,147</b>	<b>\$0</b>
<b>Program Total:</b>	<b>\$1,619,760</b>		<b>\$1,495,147</b>	
Program FTE	8.50	0.00	9.50	0.00
<b>Program Revenues</b>				
<b>Total Revenue:</b>	<b>\$0</b>	<b>\$0</b>	<b>\$0</b>	<b>\$0</b>

**Explanation of Revenues**

This is a General Fund-supported program.

**Significant Program Changes**

**Last year this program was:** #10000A, Chair's Office

The Senior Policy Advisor will be replaced by an Education/Prevention policy advisor to assist in implementation of the Chair's initiatives in these priority areas.