

Lead Agency: Non-Departmental - All

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Program Offer Type: Innovative/New Program

Related Programs:

Program Characteristics:

Executive Summary

There is a growing recognition that Multnomah County needs an expanded government affairs presence to handle a complex set of federal, state and local legislative and policy issues that affect County operations. The creation of an Office of Government Relations will allow the County to approach these issues in a more comprehensive and strategic manner thereby improving legislative and policy outcomes. The Office will represent the Board of Commissioners before federal, state and local governing bodies and advance Multnomah County's annual legislative agenda.

Program Description

The Office of Government Relations will be managed by a Director of Government Relations. The Director will manage the federal and state legislative agenda set by the Board of Commissioners and provide overall strategic direction to the Office of Government Relations. He or she will serve as the lead state lobbyist for the County; manage contractors and other Government Relations staff; manage budget and compliance issues; represent the County with coalitions and at stakeholder meetings; lead government relations meetings; provide regular updates to the board and staff; and provide an Annual Report to the board outlining the year's activities. The Office of Government Relations will also include an additional lobbyist and other support as needed.

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 | | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| Outcome | | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 |

Performance Measure - Description

The Office of Government Relations will focus on four performance measures: 1) Produce a comprehensive state and federal legislative agenda that is consistent with the County's budget and policy priorities; 2) Produce an annual report on the status of state and federal legislative and policy issues; 3) Report the number of priority state and federal bills/amendments passed or halted during the legislative session; and 4) Report the number of county policy priorities that are supported/advanced by members of the Multnomah County delegation.

Legal/Contractual Obligation

All government relations activities shall be consistent with federal laws and policies, State of Oregon statutes, the Multnomah County Home Rule Charter and Multnomah County laws.

Revenue/Expense Detail

| | Proposed General Fund | Proposed Other Funds | Proposed General Fund | Proposed Other Funds |
|-------------------------|-----------------------|----------------------|-----------------------|----------------------|
| Program Expenses | 2010 | 2010 | 2011 | 2011 |
| Personnel | \$0 | \$0 | \$240,510 | \$0 |
| Contracts | \$0 | \$0 | \$136,000 | \$0 |
| Materials & Supplies | \$0 | \$0 | \$13,500 | \$0 |
| Internal Services | \$0 | \$0 | \$28,528 | \$0 |
| Total GF/non-GF: | \$0 | \$0 | \$418,538 | \$0 |
| Program Total: | \$0 | | \$418,538 | |
| Program FTE | 0.00 | 0.00 | 2.00 | 0.00 |
| Program Revenues | | | | |
| Total Revenue: | \$0 | \$0 | \$0 | \$0 |

Explanation of Revenues

This program is General Fund supported.

Significant Program Changes

✔ Significantly Changed

Last year this program was:

This is a new program for FY 11. The government relations function was previously budgeted in the Boardroom budget.