

Lead Agency: District 2
Program Offer Type: Existing Operating
Related Programs:
Program Characteristics:

Program Contact: Loretta Smith

Executive Summary

Commissioner Loretta Smith is one of five elected policy makers for Multnomah County, representing all of north and much of northeast Portland, including the City of Maywood Park. As such, she is responsible for driving budget and policy priorities that support the work of Multnomah County government, which includes protecting the County's most vulnerable citizens through public health, mental health and homelessness programs; ensuring public safety through the jails, community justice and programs to assist at-risk youth; and providing cost-effective services to all residents, with programs as varied as roads and bridges, libraries, and animal services. Commissioner Smith believes that programs should be viewed through the lens of equity, transparency, sustainability and cost-effectiveness.

Program Description

Commissioner Smith views community engagement as one of the most important duties of her office. In order to make the best decisions for the residents of District 2, Commissioner Smith has focused on engaging as many residents as possible through individual meetings, tours, speaking engagements and small group meetings.

Highlights from 2011-12 include:

- Organized and hosted an unprecedented gathering of around 200 African American men and youth to identify issues important to them.
- Facilitated a Young Entrepreneurs Roundtable as part of the White House's 100 Youth Strategies for Winning the Future.
- Secured funding for 25 paid Summer Youth Connect jobs in eight county departments. Summer Youth Connect is a partnership with the City of Portland and Worksystems, Inc. that creates summer internships for at-risk youth.
- Worked with colleagues to develop procedures and policies within the Sellwood Bridge replacement project that ensure robust participation of minority, women, and emerging small businesses, as well as disadvantaged business enterprises.
- Championed an amendment to the County budget that doubled the amount of dollars in the County's micro-lending program, which assists small businesses that traditional financial institutions fail to serve.
- Advocated for funding in the County budget to continue an elder abuse financial prosecutor position when federal funding was no longer available.

Work in 2012-13 will include:

- Ongoing support for the Summer Youth Connect program.
- Expanding outreach efforts to local residents by attending community events, neighborhood gatherings and business meetings, and enhancing social media.
- Continuing to engage on Oregon's health system transformation process, including expanding on her efforts as a Governor-appointed member of the Coordinated Care Organization (CCO) Criteria workgroup and ensuring equity in delivery of services.
- Working with private industry to get broadband access to underserved communities.

Performance Measures

Measure Type	Primary Measure	Previous Year Actual (FY10-11)	Current Year Purchased (FY11-12)	Current Year Estimate (FY11-12)	Next Year Offer (FY12-13)
Output	Response to constituent inquiries and emails	0.0%	100.0%	100.0%	100.0%
Outcome	Update website, including mapping function to enliven web presence and expand social media outreach	0	52	239	200
Output	Confer with local business groups on economic development opportunities	0	12	21	30
Output	Attend community meetings and tour local service providers and other community partners	0	12	97	75

Performance Measure - Description

Commissioner Smith is committed to responsive constituent services, comprehensive casework and robust communications with the citizenry, including social media.

Legal/Contractual Obligation

The Multnomah Board of 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	2012	2012	2013	2013
Personnel	\$395,733	\$0	\$425,641	\$0
Contracts	\$12,000	\$0	\$6,121	\$0
Materials & Supplies	\$15,802	\$0	\$14,150	\$0
Internal Services	\$59,100	\$0	\$69,907	\$0
Total GF/non-GF:	\$482,635	\$0	\$515,819	\$0
Program Total:	\$482,635		\$515,819	
Program FTE	4.00	0.00	4.00	0.00
Program Revenues				
Total Revenue:	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0

Explanation of Revenues

General Fund Program

Significant Program Changes

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

Outputs in the current year may be somewhat higher than future years because, as a new Commissioner, Commissioner Smith engaged in broad, intensive outreach during FY11-12 in order to gain an overview of county services providers and partners. Commissioner Smith will continue to work with neighborhood associations, service organizations and other community partners to bring services to all of Multnomah County.