

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

Program Contact: Jeff Cogen

Executive Summary

The Chair is the Chief Executive Officer of Multnomah County. The Chair works closely with the Board of County Commissioners to set the policy direction of Multnomah County and implements that direction as mandated by the Home Rule Charter. All Departments and non-departmental offices report to the Chair, including the Office of Diversity and Equity, Office of sustainability, Communications Office, Board Clerk's Office and Government Affairs.

Program Description

The Chair oversees a \$1.5 billion budget and more than 4,400 Full Time Employees. Chair Cogen and his staff are focused on improving the health and welfare of Multnomah County residents by leading innovative, creative, cost-effective and practical solutions to community issues. The Chair develops the Executive Budget; appoints department directors; has authority over litigation, contracts and financial instruments and manages the Board agenda. The Chair is also the Chief Personnel Officer for the County.

Chair Cogen believes that good government reflects the values and priorities of the community. As Multnomah County residents have struggled and prioritized their spending, so too has the County. The Chair has led efforts to streamline and modernize county operations; improve management span of control; leveraged partnerships to meeting pressing community needs like the Gateway Center for Domestic Violence and Crisis Assessment and Treatment Center; and continued to champion services for the most vulnerable at the federal, state and local level.

In FY 14, the Chair will work with the City of Portland and other local jurisdictions to ensure the coordinated care of our community's well-being; implement a Mental Health First Aid Training program for front-line county staff and first responders; fight for increased state and federal funding for Mental Health services; and work with the State Legislature to return local control to counties on issues of tobacco and gun control.

Performance Measures

Measure Type	Primary Measure	Previous Year Actual (FY11-12)	Current Year Purchased (FY12-13)	Current Year Estimate (FY12-13)	Next Year Offer (FY13-14)
Output	Community input sessions prior to development of Executive Budget	0	4	5	5
Outcome	Constituents inform the Chair's budget decisions	0	0	0	0
Outcome	Proposal and approval of FY 14 Budget	1	1	1	1

Performance Measure - Description

In FY 14 the Chair's office will continue to seek opportunities to improve the county's business practices and build a culture of excellence and innovation. By expanding opportunities for constituents to interact directly with the Chair and his staff, the Chair can better align county programs with community need.

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

	Proposed General Fund	Proposed Other Funds	Proposed General Fund	Proposed Other Funds
Program Expenses	2013	2013	2014	2014
Personnel	\$1,040,150	\$0	\$1,076,013	\$0
Contracts	\$20,000	\$0	\$38,829	\$0
Materials & Supplies	\$31,892	\$0	\$52,789	\$0
Internal Services	\$261,847	\$0	\$249,169	\$0
Total GF/non-GF:	\$1,353,889	\$0	\$1,416,800	\$0
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Program FTE	9.00	0.00	9.00	0.00
Program Revenues				
Total Revenue:	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0

Explanation of Revenues

The Chair's Office is funded by the County General Fund. This budget includes a 1% constraint.

Significant Program Changes

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

This offer includes 1.0 FTE that was re-classified from a Senior Policy Adviser to a Public Advocate to provide a single point of contact for constituent concerns and engage in a more robust outreach effort to people in the communities where they live. Salary savings from the reclassification of this position were used to meet constraint.