

Lead Agency: Nondepartmental - All

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Program Offer Type: Existing Operating

Related Programs:

Program Characteristics:

Executive Summary

The Office of Government Relations represents the Board of Commissioners and county departments before the United States Congress, the Oregon Legislature and local governing bodies to advance Multnomah County's annual legislative agenda. This function is vital in protecting and advancing the interests of Multnomah County.

Program Description

The Office of Government Relations is managed by two Co-Directors of Government Relations. They are responsible for managing the federal and state legislative agenda set by the Board of Commissioners. The Co-Directors serve as state lobbyists for the county, manage budget and compliance issues, manage the county's federal government relations contract, represent the county with coalitions and at stakeholder meetings, lead county government relations meetings, and provide regular updates to the Board of Commissioners. The office also two additional positions -- a Policy Manager who is responsible for tracking state and federal legislation and providing policy analysis on key issues and a Senior Grants Coordinator who is responsible for tracking grants across departments and providing technical assistance on applications.

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	Develop and pass comprehensive state and federal legislative agenda	0	1	1	1
Outcome	Produce an annual report on state and federal legislative outcomes	0	0	0	1

Performance Measure - Description

The Office of Government Relations will focus on the following performance measures: 1) produce a comprehensive state and federal legislative agenda that is consistent with the county's budget and policy priorities and produce an annual report on state and federal legislative outcomes; 2) Support state and federal legislation that protects local authority; and 3) Support and pass government transformation initiatives while ensuring local interests are protected.

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	2013	2013	2014	2014
Personnel	\$492,718	\$0	\$570,906	\$0
Contracts	\$100,000	\$0	\$100,000	\$0
Materials & Supplies	\$18,635	\$0	\$15,907	\$0
Internal Services	\$28,076	\$0	\$31,424	\$0
Total GF/non-GF:	\$639,429	\$0	\$718,237	\$0
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Program FTE	4.00	0.00	4.00	0.00
Program Revenues				
Total Revenue:	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0

Explanation of Revenues

This program is funded by County General Fund.

Significant Program Changes

Last year this program was: #10030, Government Relations Office

The Chair's executive budget provides an increase of \$41,000 to bring a County-wide grants coordination position to full-time status.