

Department: Nondepartmental **Program Contact:** Jessica Vega Pederson
Program Offer Type: Existing **Program Offer Stage:** Proposed
Related Programs:
Program Characteristics:

Executive Summary

The Chair is the Chief Executive Officer of Multnomah County, leading the County's efforts to create a community where anyone who needs help can find it, everyone shares in opportunity and the most vulnerable among us are seen and supported. With both legislative and executive responsibilities, the Chair leads the strategic policy direction, priorities and budget aimed at serving the community equitably and effectively. The Chair works with the Board of Commissioners to implement policy, priorities and budget under the Home Rule Charter. All departments and Nondepartmental offices, report to the Chair. The Chair is a key stakeholder at national, state and regional tables, as a convener for community partnerships and as a spokesperson for the core mission, values, and initiatives critical to the County.

Program Description

The Chair oversees a \$3.3 billion budget and over 6,000 employees. Responsibilities include: developing an executive budget, appointing department directors, overseeing contracts, presiding over Board meetings, executing policies and ordinances adopted by the Board, serving as the Chief Personnel Officer and maintaining strong ties and connections with Multnomah County residents and other regional leaders.

The County's critical role in helping to address systemic inequities that disproportionately harm Black, Indigenous and other communities of color has been underscored by the COVID-19 pandemic and continued calls for racial justice. Many of the Chair's priorities, including preventing and ending homelessness, creating family stability, providing accessible healthcare to underserved populations and reducing the use of incarceration while increasing the use of diversion programs, are aligned with the County's work to build a more equitable community. The Chair will also focus attention in less represented parts of the County that have been historically overlooked.

During FY 2024, Chair Vega Pederson will focus on the following priorities:

- Rapidly expand access to the housing and support services we know people need to end their homelessness.
- Provide new ideas, partnership and strategic use of resources to urgently reduce unsheltered homelessness.
- Invest in areas that support children and youth and family stability, particularly through the Preschool for All program.
- Lead the transformation of the criminal legal system with investments that support diversion, reentry & healing.
- Mobilize public health strategies focused on eliminating health disparities perpetuated by systemic racism by leveraging County departments and their respective roles in achieving health equity.
- Champion Workforce Equity Strategic Plan strategies that move the County towards greater safety, trust & belonging.
- Lead the library capital bond to build a new "flagship" library in East Multnomah County and update 7 branch libraries.

Performance Measures

| Measure Type | Primary Measure | FY22 Actual | FY23 Budgeted | FY23 Estimate | FY24 Offer |
|--------------|--|-------------|---------------|---------------|------------|
| Output | Ensure broad community input by conducting community listening sessions and budget hearings. | N/A | 10 | 10 | 20 |
| Outcome | Meet with State/Fed officials on critical issues like homelessness, housing, behavioral health, and safety | N/A | N/A | N/A | 12 |
| Output | Proactively communicate with residents through a regular community newsletter | N/A | 12 | 14 | 12 |

Performance Measures Descriptions

The performance measures for FY 2023 reflect goals for the final 6 months of the year after Chair Vega Pederson took office in January 2023.

Chair Vega Pederson represents Multnomah County at national policy making tables convened by Association of Oregon Counties, National Association of Counties and at the Large Urban County Caucus. In addition, she works with regional partners along the West Coast to address shared challenges, learn and develop cross-jurisdictional solutions.

Legal / Contractual Obligation

The Multnomah County Chair and Commissioner offices are mandated by the Multnomah County Home Rule Charter, Chapter III, 3.10.(3)

Revenue/Expense Detail

| | Adopted General Fund | Adopted Other Funds | Proposed General Fund | Proposed Other Funds |
|------------------------|-------------------------|------------------------|--------------------------|-------------------------|
| Program Expenses | 2023 | 2023 | 2024 | 2024 |
| Personnel | \$1,843,547 | \$0 | \$1,955,064 | \$0 |
| Contractual Services | \$16,210 | \$0 | \$33,840 | \$0 |
| Materials & Supplies | \$87,570 | \$0 | \$108,785 | \$0 |
| Internal Services | \$218,761 | \$0 | \$215,311 | \$0 |
| Total GF/non-GF | \$2,166,088 | \$0 | \$2,313,000 | \$0 |
| Program Total: | \$2,166,088 | | \$2,313,000 | |
| Program FTE | 9.65 | 0.00 | 9.65 | 0.00 |

| Program Revenues | | | | |
|----------------------|------------|------------|------------|------------|
| Total Revenue | \$0 | \$0 | \$0 | \$0 |

Explanation of Revenues

Significant Program Changes

Last Year this program was: FY 2023: 10000 Chair's Office

1.00 FTE Staff Assistant is moved from the Communications Office (10007A) to align the staff. This transfer does not result in new FTE.