



Program #10000A - Chair's Office FY 2025 Department Requested

Department: Nondepartmental **Program Contact:** Jessica Vega Pederson
Program Offer Type: Operating **Program Offer Stage:** Department Requested
Related Programs:
Program Characteristics: In Target

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 plays a critical role providing a wide range of safety net services, which strive to reduce the systemic inequities that disproportionately harm Black, Indigenous and other communities of color. Many of the Chair's priorities, including preventing and ending homelessness, deepening family safety and stability, providing accessible, whole-person 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. A key priority for FY2025 also includes the stabilization of core services in the midst of an anticipated structural budget deficit due to deficient revenue forecasts, increased inflation and personnel costs, and expiring one-time federal American Rescue Plan (ARP) dollars.

During FY 2025, Chair Vega Pederson will maintain or increase focus on the following priorities:

- Addressing substance use and increasing access to recovery and mental health services.
- Collaboration with local and statewide housing partners to align and coordinate resources and workflows.
- Continued development and expansion of shelter and affordable housing capacity in the County, maximizing revenues from the Metro Supportive Housing Services (SHS) Measure.
- Sustained investment in child, youth and family supports, particularly through the Preschool for All (PFA) program.
- Championing the Mission, Vision and Values (MVV) Renewal project and continued implementation of Workforce Equity Strategic Plan (WESP) strategies that move the County towards greater safety, trust & belonging in the workplace for all employees.
- Maintain focus on supporting the progress of the Multnomah County Library Capital Bond.

Performance Measures

Measure Type	Performance Measure	FY23 Actual	FY24 Budgeted	FY24 Estimate	FY25 Target
Output	Ensure broad community input through surveys, meetings, and events.	N/A	20	20	30
Output	Meet with State/Fed officials and other stakeholders on issues critical to the region.	N/A	12	12	16
Output	Proactively communicate with residents through a regular community newsletter.	N/A	12	12	12

Performance Measures Descriptions

Chair Vega Pederson regularly seeks community input and feedback to make budget and policy decisions that best serve the public's interests and community values. The Chair also 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 to address shared community 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	Department Requested General Fund	Department Requested Other Funds
Program Expenses	2024	2024	2025	2025
Personnel	\$2,414,484	\$0	\$2,607,499	\$0
Contractual Services	\$33,840	\$0	\$33,840	\$0
Materials & Supplies	\$110,782	\$0	\$109,927	\$0
Internal Services	\$216,811	\$0	\$266,734	\$0
Total GF/non-GF	\$2,775,917	\$0	\$3,018,000	\$0
Program Total:	\$2,775,917		\$3,018,000	
Program FTE	12.00	0.00	13.00	0.00

Program Revenues				
Total Revenue	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0

Explanation of Revenues

Significant Program Changes

Last Year this program was: FY 2024: 10000 Chair's Office

This program combines 10000B Deputy Chief of Staff from FY 2024.

Adjusting due to work being done by LPSCC and movement of SummerWorks; this role is now the Budget and Strategic Projects Director.

In FY 2025 this program is increased by 1.00 FTE Staff Assistants as follows:
1.00 FTE Senior Policy Advisor; 0.50 funded by Preschool for All (Other Funds) in DCHS.