

Division: Chair

Program Characteristics:

Program Description

The Chair serves as Chief Executive Officer of Multnomah County, leading the County's critical work to build equitable, resilient communities by providing accessible safety net services that prioritize our most vulnerable populations. With both legislative and executive responsibilities, the Chair with support from her team, leads the strategic policy direction, priorities and budget aimed at providing effective services. The Office works with the Board of County Commissioners to implement policy, priorities and budget under the Home Rule Charter. With the exception of the independently elected offices of the Auditor, District Attorney, and Sheriff – all departments and Nondepartmental policy 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. The Chair oversees a \$4.0 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 regional leaders.

During FY 2027, Chair Vega Pederson will maintain or increase focus on the following priorities:

- Implementing the Homeless Response Action Plan to support a balance of services to reduce inflow into homelessness.
- Supporting our immigrant and refugee communities, as well as everyone impacted by current federal policies.
- Stewarding Preschool for All to universal coverage and additional programs that serve children, youth, and family.
- Addressing substance use and increasing access to recovery and mental health services.
- Strategic organizational alignment to maximize direct services.

Equity Statement

At every opportunity, Chair Vega Pederson is committed to uplifting the voices and perspectives of employees and residents who have been historically marginalized from power, in order to ensure fair representation, foster a culture of belonging, and provide high-quality services that are accessible and can close disparities. The Chair's Office is responsive to constituent feedback, and maintains regular engagement through our communication channels, meetings, events, and town-halls.

Revenue/Expense Detail

	2026 General Fund	2026 Other Funds	2027 General Fund	2027 Other Funds
Personnel	\$2,574,630	\$192,065	\$2,699,865	\$217,793
Contractual Services	\$383,760	\$0	\$421,047	\$0
Materials & Supplies	\$105,109	\$0	\$98,011	\$0
Internal Services	\$264,806	\$8,028	\$310,367	\$8,124
Total GF/non-GF	\$3,328,305	\$200,093	\$3,529,290	\$225,917
Total Expenses:	\$3,528,398		\$3,755,207	
Program FTE	11.00	1.00	11.00	1.00
Total Revenue	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0

Performance Measures

Performance Measure	FY25 Actual	FY26 Estimate	FY27 Target
Ensure broad budget engagement through community meetings and events.	19	20	20
Meet with State/Federal officials and other stakeholders on issues critical to the region.	35	35	35