

Department: Nondepartmental

Program Contact: Jesse Beason

Program Offer Type: Operating

Program Offer Stage: Proposed

Related Programs:
Program Characteristics:
Executive Summary

Commissioner Jesse Beason serves as one of five elected officials tasked with developing policy, coordinating the development of Multnomah County's annual budget, and ensuring that policy and the budget support the work of County Departments. He serves District 2, which includes North, Northeast, and parts of East Portland. Commissioner Beason is committed to ensuring racial equity, promoting effective evidence-driven programs and services, and engaging in community-driven policy. To learn more about Commissioner Beason's office visit the website at <https://www.multco.us/commissioner-beason>.

Program Description

Commissioner Beason was appointed to fill the District 2 seat on November 1, 2023, where he will serve until his successor is elected in May or November of 2024.

The county continues to grapple with the changing landscape after managing multiple public health crises over the last 4 years, and the FY 2025 budget needs flexibility for evolving public health needs while continuing the investments in robust services across the county. Many innovative and effective new projects started over the last few years due to investments from the Federal government, and our challenge will be how to continue rethinking our services in ways that will move us toward equity and justice with fiscal constraints.

Commissioner Beason prioritizes efforts to address the economic and racial inequities that created the need for a robust safety net in Multnomah County, and focuses on economic justice; clean air and climate resilience; public safety; and transportation. Specific efforts include diversion of low-level offenses from the criminal justice system;

During the FY25 budget process, he will prioritize programs and strategies that address racial inequities, focus on proven prevention, protect our most vulnerable residents, and deliver results. Recognizing that we cannot achieve equity for the community we serve if our own employees do not experience equity and belonging in their workplace, the Commissioner is committed to monitoring and supporting the progress of the Workforce Equity Strategic Plan.

Commissioner Beason serves as co-chair on the Earthquake Ready Burnside Bridge and is the liaison to the Joint Policy Advisory Committee on Transportation (JPACT), the Region 1 Area Commission on Transportation, and the Regional Tolling Advisory Committee. He also serves on the Walnut Park Redevelopment Project, and is a board member for the Expo Future Executive Advisory Committee.

Performance Measures

Measure Type	Performance Measure	FY23 Actual	FY24 Budgeted	FY24 Estimate	FY25 Target
Output	Community engagement and constituent outreach via meetings and events.	20	20	20	10
Outcome	Ongoing responsiveness to all County departments.	100%	100%	100%	100%
Output	Respond to constituent emails, phone calls and meeting requests in a timely manner.	100%	100%	100%	100%
Outcome	Use of Leading with Race framework in all policy and community work.	100%	100%	100%	100%

Performance Measures Descriptions

In FY25 a new District 2 Commissioner will take office and may choose to track different performance measures than those listed: 1) Measured by the number of constituent coffees, neighborhood meetings and community events hosted, attended or led by the Commissioner either virtually or in person. 2) Measured by the percentage of department meetings, briefings and communication requested and completed. 3) A timely response is within 10 days. 4) New measure for FY 2022.

Legal / Contractual Obligation

The Multnomah County Commissioners 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	2024	2024	2025	2025
Personnel	\$675,203	\$0	\$711,928	\$0
Contractual Services	\$15,000	\$0	\$15,560	\$0
Materials & Supplies	\$42,055	\$0	\$60,514	\$0
Internal Services	\$74,042	\$0	\$85,146	\$0
Total GF/non-GF	\$806,300	\$0	\$873,148	\$0
Program Total:	\$806,300		\$873,148	
Program FTE	4.00	0.00	4.00	0.00

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

Explanation of Revenues

Significant Program Changes

Last Year this program was: FY 2024: 10002 BCC District 2