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Program Offer Type: Existing **Program Offer Stage:** Adopted
Related Programs:
Program Characteristics:

Executive Summary

The Government Relations Office 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 state and federal legislative agenda. The office works with smaller cities in Multnomah County to provide insight into County actions and facilitate partnerships. In addition, the office is working to create a single point of contact for Oregon's nine recognized Tribal Governments. These functions are vital in protecting the interests of Multnomah County and its residents.

Program Description

The Government Relations Office serves as the primary representative for the County to State, Federal Elected and Tribal Officials.

The Office of Government Relations works with the Board of Commissioners, County Departments, Regional Partners, and Community Groups to advance policy set by the Board of Commissioners at the Tribal, Federal, State, and Local Levels.

The Office of Government Relations, in partnership with County Departments, provides analysis and tracks the impacts that Federal and State Legislation would have on County programs and the people served by those programs.

The office also works with other local government partners in the metro region to align priorities and to give other local governments insight on Multnomah County operations and policy.

The Tribal Liaison position is the single point of contact for Oregon's nine federally recognized Tribal Governments, as well as works with County staff to establish processes and protocols for departments' interaction with Tribal Governments.

The Senior Grant Coordinator works across departments and systems to increase the county's capacity to secure, track, and successfully implement competitive grants aligned with the County's mission and values.

Over the past three budget cycles the Office of Government Relations has expanded its work in developing positive partnerships with cities in East County, expanding its budget analysis capabilities to translate budget impacts in impacted communities and formalizing Multnomah County's relationship with Tribal Governments.

Performance Measures

Measure Type	Primary Measure	FY22 Actual	FY23 Budgeted	FY23 Estimate	FY24 Offer
Output	Develop and pass a comprehensive legislative and federal agenda	1	1	1	1
Outcome	Provide an annual report that details bill outcomes and progress on County priorities	1	1	1	1
Output	Number of trainings, planning groups, and presentations to increase countywide competitive grant capacity	35	30	33	36
Outcome	Develop engagement strategies with Tribal governments and local American Indian/Alaska Native communities	0	1	1	1

Performance Measures Descriptions

The adoption of the legislative agenda is the culmination of a broad process of consultation with employees, departments, elected officials, advocacy organizations and community groups. The report provides transparency and identifies both positive and negative results. The office also focuses on impacts of Legislation on communities in Multnomah County, not just County operations. A Tribal engagement plan will kick off the comprehensive approach to Tribal Governments. Planning groups, trainings and presentations ensures access to the resources necessary for submitting successful grants.

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

	Adopted General Fund	Adopted Other Funds	Adopted General Fund	Adopted Other Funds
Program Expenses	2023	2023	2024	2024
Personnel	\$1,127,639	\$0	\$1,232,504	\$0
Contractual Services	\$124,000	\$0	\$124,000	\$0
Materials & Supplies	\$48,651	\$0	\$51,110	\$0
Internal Services	\$71,765	\$0	\$69,016	\$0
Total GF/non-GF	\$1,372,055	\$0	\$1,476,630	\$0
Program Total:	\$1,372,055		\$1,476,630	
Program FTE	6.00	0.00	6.00	0.00

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

Explanation of Revenues

Significant Program Changes

Last Year this program was: FY 2023: 10016 Government Relations Office