

**Department:** Nondepartmental

**Program Contact:** Stacy Cowan

**Program Offer Type:** Operating

**Program Offer Stage:** Adopted

**Related Programs:**
**Program Characteristics:**
**Program Description**

The Government Relations Office serves as the primary representative for the County to Tribal, Federal, State, and Local 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, and works with County staff to establish processes and protocols for departments' interaction with Tribal Governments.

**Performance Measures**

Measure Type	Performance Measure	FY24 Actual	FY25 Budgeted	FY25 Estimate	FY26 Target
Output	Develop and pass a comprehensive legislative and federal agenda	N/A	1	1	1
Outcome	Provide an annual report that details bill outcomes and progress on County priorities	N/A	1	1	1
Output	Number of trainings, planning groups, and presentations to increase countywide competitive grant capacity	N/A	40	40	0
Outcome	Develop engagement strategies with Tribal governments and local American Indian/Alaska Native communities	N/A	0	N/A	1

**Performance Measures Descriptions**

The adoption of the federal and state legislative agendas is the culmination of a broad process of consultation with departments, elected officials, and advocacy organizations. The Legislative 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.

## 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	2025	2025	2026	2026
Personnel	\$1,337,423	\$0	\$1,169,589	\$0
Contractual Services	\$124,000	\$0	\$180,743	\$0
Materials & Supplies	\$51,111	\$0	\$48,520	\$0
Internal Services	\$85,061	\$0	\$84,506	\$0
<b>Total GF/non-GF</b>	<b>\$1,597,595</b>	<b>\$0</b>	<b>\$1,483,358</b>	<b>\$0</b>
<b>Program Total:</b>	<b>\$1,597,595</b>		<b>\$1,483,358</b>	
<b>Program FTE</b>	6.00	0.00	5.00	0.00

Program Revenues				
<b>Total Revenue</b>	<b>\$0</b>	<b>\$0</b>	<b>\$0</b>	<b>\$0</b>

## Explanation of Revenues

## Significant Program Changes

**Last Year this program was:** FY 2025: 10016 Government Relations Office

In FY 2026, 1.00 FTE Staff Assistant is eliminated. This is the Senior Grants position that 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.

Contractual services includes an increase for the federal contractor, recognizing the expected expansion of the scope of work given the new federal administration.