

Division: Nondepartmental - All Other

Program Characteristics: New Request, One-Time-Only Request

Program Description

Tribal Relations, the Office of Government Relations, aim to host a Tribal Nations Summit in partnership with other local jurisdictions and Tribes that have historical ties to our area. This multi-day series of meetings will support opportunities to discuss potential collaborations, create a Tribal Consultation framework, and provide feedback directly with department staff on programs/services.

The Office of Government Relations acts as the main link between Multnomah County and other government leaders at the local, state, federal, and Tribal levels. Our Tribal Relations program hosts a dedicated Tribal Relations Liaison that serves as the primary contact for federally recognized Tribal Nations, helps County staff fulfill federal and state obligations to respect Tribal sovereignty, and supports County departments in their Tribal Engagement implementations. A Tribal Nations Summit would bring together local jurisdictions with local Tribal Government leadership to discuss shared priorities. A multi-day series of meetings to discuss collaborations, consultation efforts, and advocacy efforts.

Other potential local jurisdictions that would partner in this effort would include the City of Portland, Metro, Port of Portland, school districts, other counties and cities, and other elected officials offices. We will extend an invitation to all local Tribal Nations which include the nine Federally Recognized Tribes of Oregon and the Columbia River Tribes. Also work with local Native American Community serving organizations, State of Oregon agencies, and other relevant partners.

Equity Statement

Government Relations advances the County's commitment to equity by advocating for policies and resources that address systemic disparities. Our work centers the needs of communities most impacted by inequity in state and federal decision-making. We align legislative priorities with the County's values of racial justice, access, and accountability. The Tribal Nations Summit will support this mission as it elevates voices that have not historically been involved on how we serve their citizens.

Revenue/Expense Detail

	2026 General Fund	2026 Other Funds	2027 General Fund	2027 Other Funds
Materials & Supplies	\$0	\$0	\$20,000	\$0
Total GF/non-GF	\$0	\$0	\$20,000	\$0
Total Expenses:	\$0		\$20,000	
Program FTE	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
Total Revenue	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0

Performance Measures

Performance Measure	FY25 Actual	FY26 Estimate	FY27 Target
Create framework and resource for local jurisdictions with a Tribal Consultation Process.	N/A	N/A	100%
Provide educational opportunities for County staff to learn about Tribal Communities and priorities.	N/A	N/A	100%