



**Program #10017B - Multnomah Youth Commission Support** FY 2024 Proposed

**Department:** Nondepartmental **Program Contact:** Joy Fowler  
**Program Offer Type:** Existing **Program Offer Stage:** Proposed  
**Related Programs:**  
**Program Characteristics:**

**Executive Summary**

The Multnomah Youth Commission (MYC) is the official youth policy body for Multnomah County and the City of Portland. There are 42 young adults, ages 13- 21, from majority Black, Indigenous and People of Color Communities (BIPOC), that strive to amplify youth perspectives on policy impacting and relevant to youth, their families, peers, and community. In addition to its commission role within local government, the MYC works to improve the community through Social Justice projects, and by shifting negative community perceptions about youth. The work of MYC is guided by "Our Bill of Rights:

Children + Youth, the nation's first Bill of Rights written by and for young people and adopted by a local government.

**Program Description**

The Multnomah Youth Commission advises and offers recommendations on policies and programs that impact youth through focused, issue-specific committee work, the Elected Official Liaison program, and training and technical assistance. MYC uses authentic youth engagement practices and tools to build the capacity of youth to participate in high-level policy advocacy to ensure that young people form relationships with caring adults, build skills, exercise leadership, and help their communities as they develop into healthy, productive adults. The MYC is a nationally recognized model using participatory action research, policy creation and advocacy, and Youth-Adult Partnership as its foundational underpinnings.

The MYC has made an intentional and sustained effort over time to ensure that a majority of youth commissioners come from BIPOC Communities and embed equity and social justice into all of the work. MYC's current policy focus areas are driven and led by youth and selected through youth outreach and engagement. These projects empower youth to take the lead and work together to address issues most important to their communities, while highlighting and sharing ideas and experiences to build youth-led solutions. This policy and project work include the following:

- Transit Equity/TriMet Youth Pass for All
- Transforming Juvenile Probation
- Improving Youth/Police Relations
- Later High School Start Times To Combat Chronic Absenteeism
- Reducing Youth Sexual Assault and Harassment/Reporting in Schools
- Funding youth-led Environmental/Climate Justice Community Projects

**Performance Measures**

Measure Type	Primary Measure	FY22 Actual	FY23 Budgeted	FY23 Estimate	FY24 Offer
Output	Youth Commission Meetings held	21	22	21	21
Outcome	Youth-led policies impacted and/or advocated for	12	12	8	12
Output	Number of partnerships established	12	12	14	14
Outcome	Number of Youth-led forums and/or events held	6	5	6	6

**Performance Measures Descriptions**

Revenue/Expense Detail

	Adopted General Fund	Adopted Other Funds	Proposed General Fund	Proposed Other Funds
Program Expenses	2023	2023	2024	2024
Personnel	\$154,983	\$0	\$186,636	\$0
Materials & Supplies	\$20,017	\$0	\$21,014	\$0
Internal Services	\$0	\$0	\$11,435	\$0
<b>Total GF/non-GF</b>	<b>\$175,000</b>	<b>\$0</b>	<b>\$219,085</b>	<b>\$0</b>
<b>Program Total:</b>	<b>\$175,000</b>		<b>\$219,085</b>	
<b>Program FTE</b>	1.00	0.00	1.00	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 2023: 10017B Multnomah Youth Commission Support

In addition to our full-time MYC Sr Program Specialist, ODE has an on-call Program Aide. While their funding is not reflected in the FTE due to their status, their cost is reflected in the total dollars.