



**Program #10017B - Multnomah Youth Commission Support** **FY 2025 Department Requested**

**Department:** Nondepartmental **Program Contact:** Joy Fowler  
**Program Offer Type:** Operating **Program Offer Stage:** Department Requested  
**Related Programs:**  
**Program Characteristics:** In Target

**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 ensuring that young people form relationships with caring adults, build skills, exercise leadership, and help their communities as they develop into healthy, productive adults. MYC is a nationally recognized model using participatory action research, policy creation and advocacy, and Youth-Adult Partnership as its foundational underpinnings.

MYC has made an intentional and sustained effort to ensure that a majority of youth commissioners come from BIPOC Communities and embed equity and social justice into 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 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 includes:

- Transit Safety
- Transit Equity/TriMet YouthPass 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
- Voter Education/Outreach

**Performance Measures**

Measure Type	Performance Measure	FY23 Actual	FY24 Budgeted	FY24 Estimate	FY25 Target
Output	Youth Commission Meetings held	21	21	21	21
Outcome	Youth-led policies impacted and/or advocated for	8	8	8	8
Output	Number of partnerships established	14	14	14	14
Outcome	Number of Youth-led forums and/or events held	6	8	8	8

**Performance Measures Descriptions**

Output 1: Scholastic year allows 21 engagements with students; Outcome 1: Students will advocate for 2-3 policies per committee, totaling 8-9 impacted policies; Output 2: Students form relationships with other student groups and community organizations to advocate for youth-led policies from each committee; Outcome 2: Students host forums based on the policies they are advocating for to educate other youth, community members and elected officials.

Revenue/Expense Detail

	Adopted General Fund	Adopted Other Funds	Department Requested General Fund	Department Requested Other Funds
Program Expenses	2024	2024	2025	2025
Personnel	\$186,636	\$0	\$237,301	\$4,600
Contractual Services	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$2,000
Materials & Supplies	\$21,014	\$0	\$20,653	\$3,211
Internal Services	\$11,435	\$0	\$12,884	\$189
<b>Total GF/non-GF</b>	<b>\$219,085</b>	<b>\$0</b>	<b>\$270,838</b>	<b>\$10,000</b>
<b>Program Total:</b>	<b>\$219,085</b>		<b>\$280,838</b>	
<b>Program FTE</b>	1.00	0.00	1.50	0.00

Program Revenues				
Other / Miscellaneous	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$10,000
<b>Total Revenue</b>	<b>\$0</b>	<b>\$0</b>	<b>\$0</b>	<b>\$10,000</b>

Explanation of Revenues

This program generates \$189 in indirect revenues.

Non-governmental; Momentum Alliance Youth Equity Collaborative - \$10,000

Significant Program Changes

Last Year this program was: FY 2024: 10017B Multnomah Youth Commission Support

In FY 2025, this program adds a 0.50 FTE Program Technician (6020). In the prior fiscal year these job duties were completed by on-call staff.