

Department: Nondepartmental

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Program Offer Type: Operating

Program Offer Stage: Adopted

Related Programs:
Program Characteristics:

Program Description

The Multnomah Youth Commission (MYC) is the official youth policy body for Multnomah County and the City of Portland. There are 30 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.

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 includes the following:

- Transit Safety
- Transit Equity/TriMet Youth Pass for All - Oregon Transportation package advocacy
- Eliminating peer to peer, and home violence; curriculum to improve Erin's Law education/outreach
- 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	FY24 Actual	FY25 Budgeted	FY25 Estimate	FY26 Target
Output	Youth Commission Meetings held	26	21	21	22
Outcome	Youth-led policies impacted and/or advocated for	9	8	8	8
Output	Number of partnerships established	15	14	14	15
Outcome	Number of Youth-led forums and/or events held	8	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	Adopted General Fund	Adopted Other Funds
Program Expenses	2025	2025	2026	2026
Personnel	\$236,517	\$4,600	\$247,396	\$0
Contractual Services	\$0	\$2,000	\$0	\$0
Materials & Supplies	\$20,653	\$3,211	\$21,210	\$0
Internal Services	\$12,884	\$189	\$17,465	\$0
Total GF/non-GF	\$270,054	\$10,000	\$286,071	\$0
Program Total:	\$280,054		\$286,071	
Program FTE	1.50	0.00	1.50	0.00

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

Explanation of Revenues

Revenue from the Momentum Alliance for the Youth Equity Collaborative is not continuing in FY 2026 due to a MYC position going from temporary to regular part-time. In FY 2025 \$10,000 was budgeted. (Local)

Significant Program Changes

Last Year this program was: FY 2025: 10017B Multnomah Youth Commission Support