

Division: Nondepartmental - All Other

Program Characteristics:

Program Description

The Multnomah Youth Commission (MYC) is the official youth policy body for Multnomah County and the City of Portland. The 30 young adults, ages 13- 21, from majority Black, Indigenous and People of Color Communities (BIPOC), strive to amplify youth perspectives on policy impacting and relevant to youth, their families, peers, and community. The MYC works to improve the community through Social Justice projects and shift 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. 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 • Eliminating peer to peer, and home violence; increasing safe and sober third spaces for youth • Later High School start times to combat chronic absenteeism • Funding youth-led Environmental/Climate Justice Community Projects • Renewing Youth Bill of Rights.

Equity Statement

Multnomah Youth Commission is committed to fostering an inclusive environment where every young person, regardless of race, gender, ability, socioeconomic status, or background, feels valued, respected, and heard. We strive to dismantle systemic barriers, amplify diverse youth voices, and ensure equitable access to leadership opportunities to create a just, thriving community.

Revenue/Expense Detail

	2026 General Fund	2026 Other Funds	2027 General Fund	2027 Other Funds
Personnel	\$247,396	\$0	\$289,336	\$0
Contractual Services	\$0	\$0	\$7,000	\$0
Materials & Supplies	\$21,210	\$0	\$24,000	\$0
Internal Services	\$17,465	\$0	\$46,460	\$0
Total GF/non-GF	\$286,071	\$0	\$366,796	\$0
Total Expenses:	\$286,071		\$366,796	
Program FTE	1.50	0.00	1.50	0.00
Total Revenue	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0

Performance Measures

Performance Measure	FY25 Actual	FY26 Estimate	FY27 Target
Multnomah Youth Commission meetings held	22	22	22
Youth led policy priorities impacted and/or advocated for	8	9	9