

Division: Nondepartmental - All Other

Program Characteristics:

Program Description

The Office of Sustainability works to create a just, equitable, livable, resilient, and low carbon community by centering the priorities of frontline communities and advancing sustainability efforts within the County, region, and state. The Office of Sustainability is committed to a healthy, equitable planet by rooting our work in Multnomah County's mission to protect the most vulnerable residents. We recognize that environmental injustice and climate destabilization are driven by the historical and ongoing harms of racism and colonialism. To redress these harms, the Office leads with race in our decision-making, identifying it as the primary driver of systemic inequity. We acknowledge our location on ceded tribal land and work to honor our government-to-government treaty obligations as foundational to advancing environmental justice. We are operationalizing these values in the following ways.

- **Prioritized Energy Justice:** In FY 2026 we co-led a coalition that doubled state-wide utility bill assistance funding—securing a \$5.3 million increase for Multnomah County—and championed low-income ratepayer protections like temporary disconnection protections and severe weather protections.
- **Prioritize Climate Justice:** Guided by a diverse Steering Committee of frontline community members and staff, the Office transitioned from a draft plan presented to the Board of County Commissioners in April 2025 to a deep-engagement phase that included 24 engagement events on the draft Plan, resulting in 46 survey responses, and 39 written comments; and hosted 12 community forums on each of the goals in the plan, convening 253 participants across industry, government, non-profit organizations, and the general public to gather actionable feedback. The final plan presented to the Board in June 2026.
- **Enterprise Sustainability:** Tracked greenhouse gas emissions that have been reduced 68% from the FY07 baseline through acquisition of clean energy and a 20% reduction in total energy use.

Equity Statement

We believe that culturally responsive, community-driven solutions are the most effective way to address the root causes of injustice. Our budget prioritizes deep collaboration with community partners to advance projects—such as the Climate Justice Plan—that are directly responsive to the needs of Black, Indigenous, and People of Color (BIPOC) residents.

Revenue/Expense Detail

	2026 General Fund	2026 Other Funds	2027 General Fund	2027 Other Funds
Personnel	\$859,762	\$4,217	\$873,121	\$0
Contractual Services	\$3,734	\$45,300	\$1,786	\$2,500
Materials & Supplies	\$15,180	\$0	\$13,763	\$0
Internal Services	\$58,016	\$176	\$87,814	\$696,634
Total GF/non-GF	\$936,692	\$49,693	\$976,484	\$699,134
Total Expenses:	\$986,385		\$1,675,618	
Program FTE	4.75	0.00	4.50	0.00
Program Revenues				
Intergovernmental	\$0	\$49,693	\$0	\$699,134
Total Revenue	\$0	\$49,693	\$0	\$699,134

Performance Measures

Performance Measure	FY25 Actual	FY26 Estimate	FY27 Target
% decrease, year-over-year, in community-wide greenhouse gas emissions over 1990 baseline levels. GHG data lags by several years; most recent data is for 2023	23.8%	25.8%	27.8%
Total number of advisory committee meeting volunteer hours.	128	150	150