

Division: Health Officer

Program Characteristics:

Program Description

The Multnomah County Health Officer is the lead Health Officer and supervises a Multnomah County Deputy Health Officer, the Washington County Health Officer, and several on-call Deputy Health Officers. The Health Officers work under the authority of the Local Public Health Administrator for the Local Public Health Authority. The program has agreements with Washington County and Clackamas County for the coordination of Health Officer activities across county borders. The Health Officers oversee the Medical Examiner's Office, Emergency Medical Services administration, Public Health Emergency Preparedness & Response, and several aspects of the Overdose Prevention & Response plan. They also provide physician authorization and clinical oversight for the full scope of Communicable Disease Services, including medical direction for the Sexually Transmitted Infection Clinic, Harm Reduction Clinic, and tuberculosis program, and serve as key physician subject matter expert spokespeople for the County. Health Officers also close gaps in services. Recent examples include highly pathogenic avian influenza testing and prophylaxis, and expanding naloxone availability for overdoses. The Health Officers work alongside health department programs, leadership, and community to assure resources are focused on addressing preventable deaths and disease in communities that experience the most disproportionate and protracted impact. They also offer a valuable perspective in the realm of local and state health policy that is prevention-focused and equity-based. The Health Officers play a key role, in coordination with the Health Department Director and Public Health Director, with media and regional communications about major public health concerns or initiatives, including (1) participating in enforcement of public health laws; (2) supervising select public health programs; (3) working with department staff, other county agencies, and community partners to manage critical public health problems; and (4) participating in the department leadership team.

Equity Statement

As part of their work coordinating public health projects and interventions in the county, the Tri-County Health Officer team exercises an equity lens to ensure that under-resourced populations are included in determinations of disproportionate impact and often times work directly with members of those communities, through the community engagement and consumer involvement teams in the department to develop or deploy focused interventions to address those inequities.

Revenue/Expense Detail

	2026 General Fund	2026 Other Funds	2027 General Fund	2027 Other Funds
Personnel	\$685,278	\$367,818	\$749,424	\$403,809
Materials & Supplies	\$49,754	\$10,308	\$0	\$6,000
Internal Services	\$109,142	\$57,674	\$106,521	\$59,849
Total GF/non-GF	\$844,174	\$435,800	\$855,945	\$469,658
Total Expenses:	\$1,279,974		\$1,325,603	
Program FTE	1.07	0.87	1.15	0.88
Program Revenues				
Intergovernmental	\$0	\$435,800	\$0	\$469,658
Total Revenue	\$0	\$435,800	\$0	\$469,658

Performance Measures

Performance Measure	FY25 Actual	FY26 Estimate	FY27 Target
Health System respiratory pathogen calls are held on a regular basis (every 2 weeks) during respiratory season (Oct-Apr)	100%	100%	100%
Health Officers provide consistent coverage of the regional on-call/after hours reportable disease phone line without lapse	100%	100%	100%