

Division: Health Officer

Program Characteristics:

Program Description

The Public Health Emergency Preparedness & Response (PHEPR) program coordinates and informs to ensure an equitable response to emergencies with severe health impacts, such as natural disasters, severe epidemics/pandemics, bioterrorism and terrorist attacks, and other incidents requiring coordinated action to: 1) focus the response on priority needs; and 2) effectively leverage resources of government, private healthcare providers, and non-profit organizations. PHEPR activities include:

- 1) Emergency plans and protocols linked to the County’s Emergency Response Plan, specifically the Emergency Support Function-8 (ESF-8) Annex;
- 2) Coordinating with Health Department leadership, managers and supervisors, and incident management team members on training, preparedness, and response actions;
- 3) Participation in exercises to test and refine plans and capabilities and establish relationships with response partners; and
- 4) Plan development with responsible programs to increase capacity for key public health functions (e.g., epidemiology capacity to investigate and analyze an emergency’s health impacts and make informed decisions on culturally and linguistically appropriate responses for impacted communities).

This program is funded through two federal grants that help the County meet Public Health Modernization goals for public health emergency preparedness and response. The program’s staff member works collaboratively across the region and with the State to ensure effective, equitable, and coordinated public health preparedness and response.

Equity Statement

PHEPR coordinates with Health Department leadership to ensure all people in Multnomah County are considered and engaged in County plans, processes, and actions for responding to an emergency or disaster. Plans include using data to investigate and analyze an emergency’s health impacts and make informed decisions on culturally and linguistically appropriate responses for impacted communities.

Revenue/Expense Detail

	2026 General Fund	2026 Other Funds	2027 General Fund	2027 Other Funds
Personnel	\$24,593	\$301,539	\$0	\$254,457
Materials & Supplies	\$0	\$8	\$0	\$0
Internal Services	\$26,203	\$52,774	\$22,213	\$38,010
Total GF/non-GF	\$50,796	\$354,321	\$22,213	\$292,467
Total Expenses:	\$405,117		\$314,680	
Program FTE	0.08	1.31	0.00	1.10
Program Revenues				
Intergovernmental	\$0	\$354,321	\$0	\$292,467
Total Revenue	\$0	\$354,321	\$0	\$292,467

Performance Measures

Performance Measure	FY25 Actual	FY26 Estimate	FY27 Target
Number of preparedness exercises in which program participates	2	2	2
Number of call down drills carried out with the County’s registered Push Partners	2	2	2