

Division: Public Health

Program Characteristics:

Program Description

The Public Health Division (PHD) works every day to keep Multnomah County communities safe and healthy. The PHD Director’s Office (DO) ensures our local public health system can do the work communities need most—equitably, effectively, and in partnership.

To do this, the PHD DO makes sure the workforce has the knowledge and experience to work with partners to meet the county’s needs, enforce public health laws, and align with the Community Health Improvement Plan and County Strategic Plan. Specifically, the DO:

- Provides leadership and organizational guidance, stewardship of public funds, and accountability.
- Leads implementation of the Health Equity Action Plan (HEAP).
- Guides public health communication and health education campaigns.
- Develops public health policy recommendations that are evidence-based, grounded in law, and achieve health equity.
- Engage with and listen to the community to inform public health interventions.

The DO also implements the Public Health Infrastructure Grant, which supports workforce efforts in partnership with schools to address recruitment and retention efforts, updating the CHIP, and building public health accreditation readiness. The DO provides project management for emerging public health issues, statewide initiatives like Public Health Modernization, and quality improvement.

Equity Statement

The DO aims to build and maintain a competent, representative, and culturally responsive public health workforce. We partner with communities to understand needs and co-create solutions. The Multnomah County Public Health Advisory Board advises on public health practices to address the leading causes of death, to develop policy and system change, and to reduce health inequities.

Revenue/Expense Detail

	2026 General Fund	2026 Other Funds	2027 General Fund	2027 Other Funds
Personnel	\$2,419,407	\$1,825,853	\$2,360,165	\$2,881,118
Contractual Services	\$156,242	\$2,206	\$300,000	\$240,511
Materials & Supplies	\$239,828	\$4,451	\$282,336	\$56,506
Internal Services	\$629,044	\$336,264	\$498,542	\$732,441
Total GF/non-GF	\$3,444,521	\$2,168,774	\$3,441,043	\$3,910,576
Total Expenses:	\$5,613,295		\$7,351,619	
Program FTE	13.11	10.07	12.11	14.40
Program Revenues				
Intergovernmental	\$0	\$2,168,774	\$0	\$3,910,576
Total Revenue	\$0	\$2,168,774	\$0	\$3,910,576

Performance Measures

Performance Measure	FY25 Actual	FY26 Estimate	FY27 Target
Number of public health-related health education campaigns	N/A	N/A	12
To ensure financial accountability, number of reviews of all Public Health Division program offers at regular monthly, 6-month, and 12-month intervals	N/A	14	14