

**Department:** Nondepartmental **Program Contact:** Jessica Vega Pederson

**Program Offer Type:** Existing Operating Program **Program Offer Stage:** As Proposed

**Related Programs:**
**Program Characteristics:**

### Executive Summary

Multnomah County Commissioner Jessica Vega Pederson is one of five elected officials who form the governing body of Multnomah County. She represents District 3, comprising most of SE Portland. Commissioner Vega Pederson focuses on serving her constituents and the needs of East Portland while embracing the county's mission, vision and values of equity, sustainability, inclusivity, social justice, health, public safety, integrity and innovation. To learn more please visit <https://multco.us/commissioner-vega-pederson>.

### Program Summary

By many accounts, the local economy is booming. The metro region has added roughly 165,000 new jobs in the last 6 years, 2.5 times more than the other six Oregon metropolitan regions combined. Household income in the city of Portland grew by 19% over the same time period, the second highest growth rate among U.S. cities. This tremendous growth pushed the city from being the 17th wealthiest in the U.S. to the 8th wealthiest. Yet that prosperity has not been evenly shared. Households with annual incomes of more than \$100,000 saw their incomes grow by 50%, while households with annual incomes of less than \$35,000 saw income decline by 20%.

Commissioner Vega Pederson's East Portland district contains neighborhoods where the poverty rate is close to 25%. The district is also one of the most diverse, composed of several communities of color, as well as immigrant and refugee communities. As such, there is a high need for critical government services, but the area has been historically underserved. East Portland has fewer sidewalks, parks, and other civic amenities than other areas of Portland and less transit access.

As the lone locally elected official designated with representing this part of the community, one of the Commissioner's top priorities is to find solutions to the disparities and inequities affecting District 3. Among the challenges that disproportionately affect low-income communities and communities of color are: the lack of affordable housing, involvement in the criminal justice system, limited access to reproductive healthcare, and the need for affordable and accessible early childhood education. Commissioner Vega Pederson will work to mitigate these inequities by continuing to partner with community-based organizations and directing resources to the areas and communities that have been traditionally underserved.

The Commissioner is also committed to improving pedestrian safety. Her district contains two-thirds of the city of Portland's high-crash intersections. She represents the county on several transportation committees and co-chairs the Earthquake Ready Burnside Bridge feasibility project, which aims to improve the region's earthquake preparedness. The Commissioner is also committed to building sustainable communities. She is the county's liaison to the Advisory Committee on Sustainability and Innovation, as well as the liaison to the Multnomah County Library Board.

### Performance Measures

Measure Type	Primary Measure	FY16 Actual	FY17 Purchased	FY17 Estimate	FY18 Offer
Output	State and Federal advocacy for transportation, homelessness and housing and environmental protection	N/A	N/A	8	8
Outcome	Earthquake Ready Burnside Bridge Feasibility Study.	N/A	N/A	60%	100%
Outcome	Multnomah County Downtown Courthouse financing and construction.	N/A	N/A	60%	100%
Output	Community engagement and constituent outreach via neighborhood meetings and community events.	N/A	N/A	12	12

### Performance Measures Descriptions

1) Advocate for County priorities before state and federal lawmakers. 2) Co-chair the Earthquake Ready Burnside Bridge policy advisory committee through its formation and present the feasibility study to the Board of Commissioners in September of 2018. 3) Help obtain the final round of \$92.6 million in matching funds for the new central courthouse. 4) The Commissioner and her office will attend community events and neighborhood meetings in her district to better understand the issues facing her constituents and inform her policy and budgetary priorities.

## Legal / Contractual Obligation

The Multnomah County Commissioners offices are mandated by the Multnomah County Home Rule Charter, Chapter III, 3.10.(3)

## Revenue/Expense Detail

	Proposed General Fund	Proposed Other Funds	Proposed General Fund	Proposed Other Funds
Program Expenses	2017	2017	2018	2018
Personnel	\$497,138	\$0	\$506,420	\$0
Contractual Services	\$5,000	\$0	\$5,000	\$0
Materials & Supplies	\$37,692	\$0	\$39,711	\$0
Internal Services	\$79,998	\$0	\$90,938	\$0
<b>Total GF/non-GF</b>	<b>\$619,828</b>	<b>\$0</b>	<b>\$642,069</b>	<b>\$0</b>
<b>Program Total:</b>	<b>\$619,828</b>		<b>\$642,069</b>	
<b>Program FTE</b>	4.00	0.00	4.00	0.00

Program Revenues				
<b>Total Revenue</b>	<b>\$0</b>	<b>\$0</b>	<b>\$0</b>	<b>\$0</b>

## Explanation of Revenues

This is a General Fund Program.

## Significant Program Changes

Last Year this program was: FY 2017: 10003 BCC District 3