

Office of Community Involvement

FY 2017–18
Annual Report





About the Office of Community Involvement

Created by a vote of the people in 1984, the Office of Community Involvement was established by County Charter to facilitate direct communication between the people of Multnomah County and the Board of County Commissioners. We are committed to helping inform and involve communities in the processes that shape county policies, budgets, and programs.

The office staffs the Community Involvement Committee, Multnomah County's advisory body on community engagement and involvement, and supports the Community Budget Advisory Committee program – groups of community members that review and make recommendations on county departmental budgets and operations.



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Highlights from FY 2017-18

In the last fiscal year, the Office of Community Involvement continued to strengthen partnerships with community organizations and grow our support for County volunteer programs and community input processes. A few highlights:

- Worked with the Office of Diversity & Equity to provide our Community Budget Advisory Committee members with the County's Equity and Empowerment Lens training
- Packed the Multnomah County Board Room for the 2018 Volunteer Awards. Over 150 volunteers and their families showed up to honor 58 county volunteers, and recognize several individuals for their service to the community
- Engaged with local civic education and leadership programs - including the YWCA, the Hispanic Metropolitan Chamber, Elders in Action and the Asian Pacific Islander Community Leadership Institute – to provide information about serving on County advisory groups



2018 Volunteer Awards

Volunteers across Multnomah County were honored for their dedication to their communities and for making Multnomah County a better place for all people who call it home.



Lela Triplett-Roberts

Gladys McCoy Lifetime
Achievement Award



Linda Weinman

HILLTOP Award for Individual
Achievement



Nancy Jason

HILLTOP Award for Agency
Staff/Volunteer Achievement



Rep. Alissa Keny-Guyer

HILLTOP Award for Public Official Achievement



Sabina Riggi

HILLTOP Award for Individual Achievement



Diane Rivera

HILLTOP Award for Agency Staff/Volunteer Achievement



Jared Cetz

Jennifer Beegle Award for Youth Involvement

Looking Ahead

In FY 2018-19, we will launch a review of the County's community involvement programs and strengthen our role as a resource for County staff and community partners. A few of our key goals for the next fiscal year include:

- At the direction of the Board of County Commissioners, conducting a review of the County's community involvement programs and the role of the Community Involvement Committee.
- Switching to a new database so we can more effectively track volunteer applications, demographics, and terms of service.
- Starting a "Community of Practice" for County staff who support advisory boards, committees, and commissions – a space for staff to share best practices, discuss challenges, and identify training and resource needs.



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