

Office of Community Involvement

FY 2018–19
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 2018-19

In the last fiscal year, the Office of Community Involvement worked with community members and County leadership to make updates to Multnomah County Code and the operations of the Community Involvement Committee, and developed new resources for supporting the County's advisory groups. A few highlights:

- Conducted a community survey and a series of five focus groups to collect input on how community members engage with Multnomah County, their experience with County community involvement programs, and their thoughts on the role and makeup of the Community Involvement Committee
- Convened a workgroup to review the sections of Multnomah County Code related to community involvement, and brought the workgroup's recommended changes to the Board of County Commissioners for their approval
- Made updates to our training materials for onboarding new Community Involvement Committee and Community Budget Advisory Committee members



2019 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.



Faye Burch

(second from left)

Gladys McCoy Lifetime Achievement Award



Charmaine Kinney

HILLTOP Award for
Individual Achievement



Shannon Singleton

HILLTOP Award for Public
Official Achievement



Dyvisha Gordon

HILLTOP Award for Individual Achievement



Trent Gay

HILLTOP Award for Agency Staff/Volunteer Achievement



Sadie Wallsmith

Jennifer Beegle Award for Youth Involvement

Looking Ahead

In FY 2019-20, we will focus on supporting the Community Involvement Committee and deepening our civic education and equity work. A few of our key goals for the next fiscal year include:

- Expanding our County 101 training and seeking opportunities to provide information to the community about the role and services of Multnomah County and ways to give input.
- Support the Community Involvement Committee to establish new priorities and return to the Board of Commissioners with recommendations on reducing barriers to civic participation and using best practices in the County's community involvement policies and programs.
- Collaborate with the Office of Diversity & Equity to implement the goals of Multnomah County's Workforce Equity Strategic Plan into our work.



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