

Program Characteristics: In Target

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 much 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

As the lone locally elected official designated with representing East Portland locally, Commissioner Jessica Vega Pederson takes her responsibilities to serve this part of our region very seriously. The Commissioner's top priorities include addressing the disparities and inequities affecting District 3, as well as low income and communities of color generally, such as: the lack of transportation options, the need for affordable housing, access to affordable preschool and child care, and mitigating the impacts of climate change and pollution on front line communities.

To address these issues, Commissioner Vega Pederson championed passage of the Preschool for All referral, which will provide free, universal preschool to all 3 and 4 year olds in Multhomah County in the coming years. The Commissioner is working to ensure a smooth and timely implementation of Preschool for All. She also serves on the Portland Children's Levy allocation committee, which awards nearly \$19 million annually in programs touching on early childhood, hunger relief, mentorship, after school activities, child abuse prevention and supports for foster kids.

Commissioner Vega Pederson has also led the County's efforts to combat climate change and pollution, co-sponsoring the County's #100by50 and Environmental Justice resolutions, as well as the County's ordinance regulating wood smoke. She also serves as the County's liaison to the Advisory Committee on Sustainability and Innovation, which provides guidance to the County on sustainability issues affecting our community.

The Commissioner serves on several transportation committees, including the Joint Policy Advisory Committee on Transportation and the TriMet Transit Advisory Committee, where she advocated for expanded service to east Portland, as well as converting the TriMet fleet to electric buses. She also co-chairs the Earthquake Ready Burnside Bridge feasibility project, which aims to create a resilient lifeline crossing over the Willamette River in the event of a major earthquake.

Measure Type	Primary Measure	FY20 Actual	FY21 Budgeted	FY21 Estimate	FY22 Offer
Output	State/Federal advocacy for transportation, homelessness, housing, and environmental protection.	N/A	8	12	12
Outcome	Respond to all constituent emails, phone calls, and meeting requests in a timely manner.	100%	100%	95%	100%
Output	Community engagement and constituent outreach via neighborhood meetings and community events.	17	12	14	12
Output	Convene, attend or participate in meetings on preschool or childcare needs and policy.	N/A	N/A	N/A	8

As District 3 continues to work on preschool and early learning, the office will convene, attend or participate in 8 meetings this FY focused on Preschool for All implementation and/or childcare. The office will continue its community engagement and constituent outreach events, either in person or virtually. It will also maintain its timely response to constituent inquiries and its federal and state advocacy, meeting with lawmakers, community groups and advocacy organizations.

Legal / Contractual Obligation

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

	Adopted General Fund	Adopted Other Funds	Requested General Fund	Requested Other Funds	
Program Expenses	2021	2021	2022	2022	
Personnel	\$592,184	\$0	\$606,229	\$0	
Materials & Supplies	\$25,983	\$0	\$34,110	\$0	
Internal Services	\$85,331	\$0	\$84,361	\$0	
Total GF/non-GF	\$703,498	\$0	\$724,700	\$0	
Program Total:	\$703,	498	\$724,700		
Program FTE	4.00	0.00	4.00	0.00	
Program Revenues					
Total Revenue	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	

Significant Program Changes

Last Year this program was: FY 2021: 10003 BCC District 3