



# **The Office of Government Relations**

## **Total Budget - \$1,070,150 and 5.00 FTE**

Jeston Black - Director of Government Relations

Hiring in Process - Deputy Director of Government Relations

Rhys Scholes - Policy Manager

Sheri Campbell - Sr. Grants Coordinator

Vacant - Staff Assistant

Advocate on behalf of Multnomah County at the Federal, State and Local level.

Assist Board in the identification of Legislative priorities.

Work with Departments and Commissioners to assess policy impacts on Multnomah County.

Provide research support for County policy priorities.

Track and capture opportunities for state and federal grants.

Build the capacity of departments to win and manage grants.



## 2018 Short Session Highlights:

- HB 5201 - Releases \$2.3 Million in additional State funds for Homeless Services in Multnomah County.
- HB 4007 - Increases statewide document recording fee for housing
- HB 4145 - Closes “boyfriend” loophole in gun restraining orders.
- HB 4143 - Provides state funds for opioid pilot program in Multnomah and three other Counties.
- HB 4064 - Allows vehicle registration fee to be used for Burnside Bridge.
- HB 4152 - Grants \$150,000 to Multnomah and Hood River Sheriff’s office for expenses related to wildfire recovery, mitigation and preparedness.
- SB 1541 - Collects fees from industry to fund a program to reduce public health risks from emissions of toxic air contaminants.

## FY17 Grants Highlights

- Awarded competitive grants totalling \$31 million countywide.
- Managed over \$232 million in competitive and formula grants countywide.



## **Federal**

- Partner with County Departments to assess Federal funding opportunities.
- Expand capacity to identify and address the local impacts of Federal decisions.
- Build stronger relations with our Federal Delegation.

## **State**

- Work with County Commissioners to develop 2019 Legislative Session agenda.
- Give State elected officials line of sight into County services and impact of State decisions.
- Better monitor and advocate during State agency rule process.

## **Local**

- Create local Government Relations program.
- Work with local elected officials to advocate for County priorities.

## **Grants**

- Pursue federal grant opportunities consistent with Multco mission and vision.
- Facilitate broad system-change funding requests.

