



The Office of Government Relations

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

Jeston Black - Director of Government Relations

Sarah Lochner - Deputy Director of Government Relations

Rhys Scholes - Policy Manager

Sheri Campbell - Sr. Grants Coordinator

Taylor Steenblock - Associate

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.



Government Relations // Accomplishments

Program Changes:

- Local government tracking.
- Hired Federal lobbyist.

FY 18/19 Highlights:

- \$600,000 in Emergency Board allocation for Aid and Assist.
- Legislative Tours:
 - Public Health Modernization
 - Individual with Developmental Disabilities
 - CCC - Stabilization and Treatment Program
 - MCDC and Inverness Jails
- Legislative Breakfast.
- Staff Legislative Training.
- Aligning workday with Grant Tracking.
- Tracking Federal grants and training staff to apply.



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

- Pass 2019 County Legislative Session agenda.
- Give State elected officials line of sight into County services and impact of State decisions.

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.

