



Government Relations Office

FY 2026 Approved Budget

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Multnomah County
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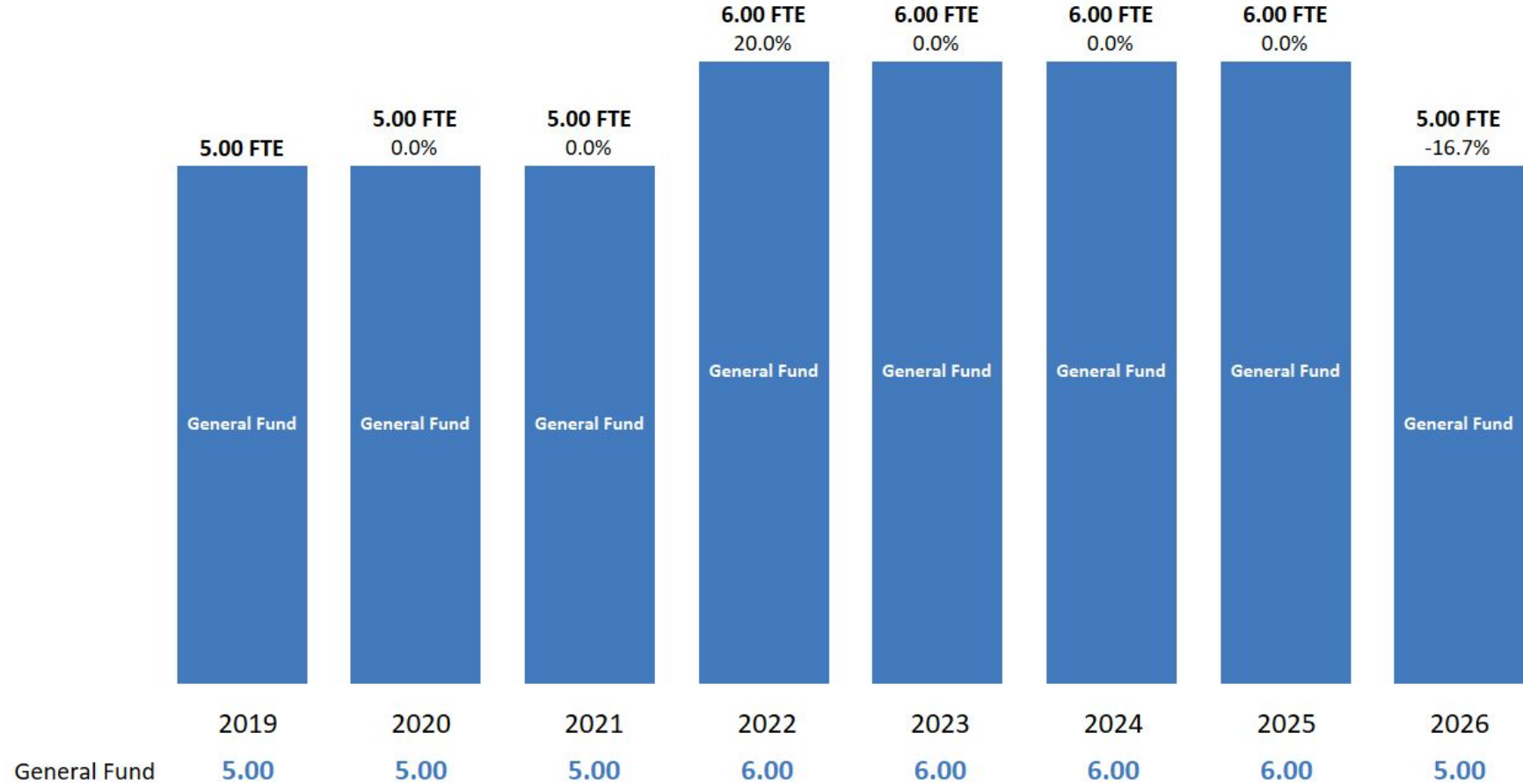
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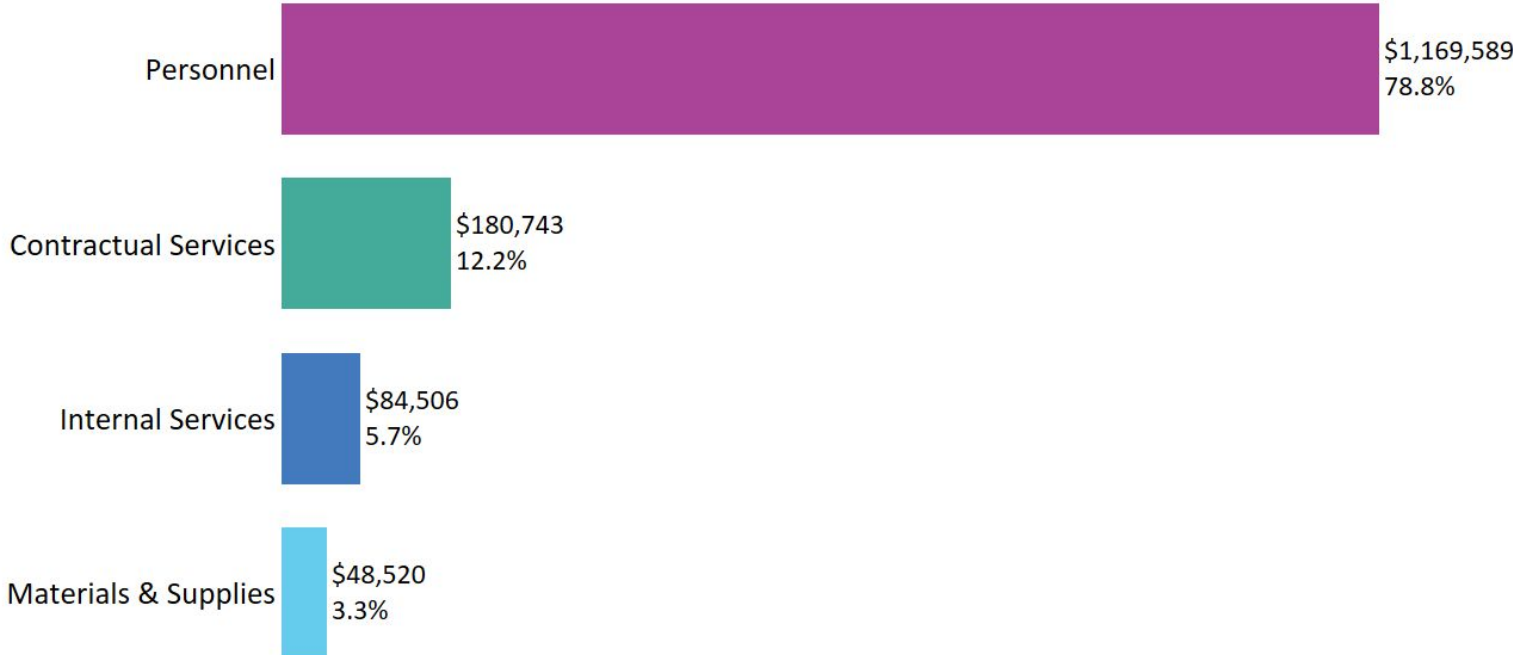
Budget Approach

- GR is a small office with 78% of all costs coming from personnel.
- We finalized transitioning the federal liaison work.
- We cut the Grant Coordination position, which we anticipate to be vacant July 1, 2025 due to retirement.
- We prioritized funding for the Tribal Advisor position and the federal lobby contract.

FTE Trend FY 2019-2026

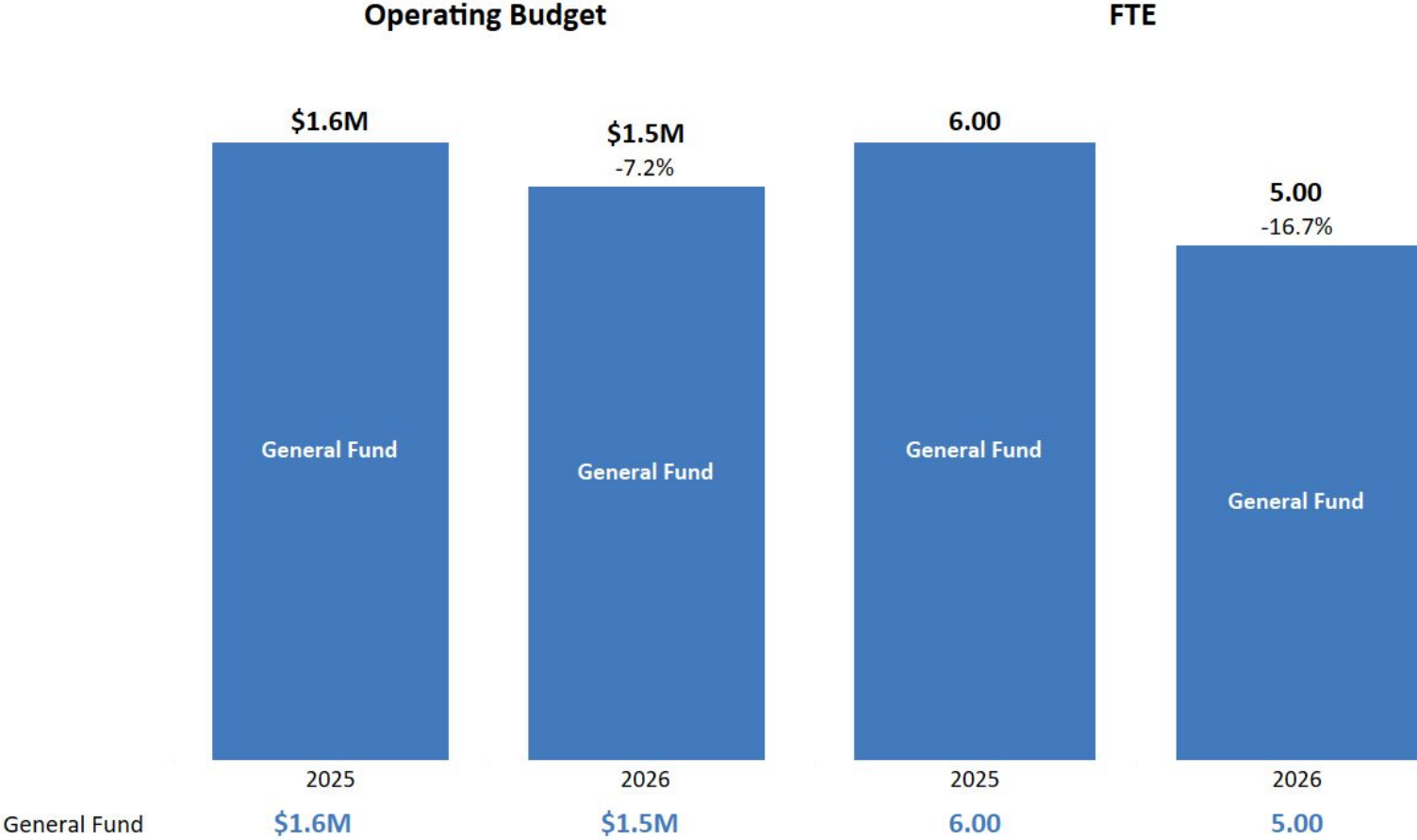


Operating Budget by Category - \$1,483,358



	2022	2023	2024	2025	2026
Contractual Services	\$0.1M	\$0.1M	\$0.1M	\$0.1M	\$0.2M
Personnel	\$1.1M	\$1.1M	\$1.2M	\$1.3M	\$1.2M
Internal Services	\$0.1M	\$0.1M	\$0.1M	\$0.1M	\$0.1M
Materials & Supplies	\$0.0M	\$0.0M	\$0.1M	\$0.1M	\$0.0M

Operating Budget & FTE



Successes and Challenges

2024

- \$25 million deflection and sobering/stabilization
- \$11.4 million emergency shelter and homelessness prevention (SB 1530)
- \$11.9 million rapid rehousing (HB 5019)
- \$1.66 million earmark Cook Plaza rehabilitation
- \$2 million earmark Rockwood Clinic rehabilitation
- \$3.4 million for case management
- \$2.56 million for community corrections
- \$360k earmark to address gun violence

2025

- Tight state budget outlook with far more needs than available resources
- Federal budget - high degree of uncertainty and instability with cuts likely

Reductions

PO #	Reduction Description	General Fund Reductions	GF FTE Red.
10016	Senior Grants position (Staff Assistant)	(\$202,699)	(1.00)

New, OTO, & Backfill

No new, OTO, & backfill



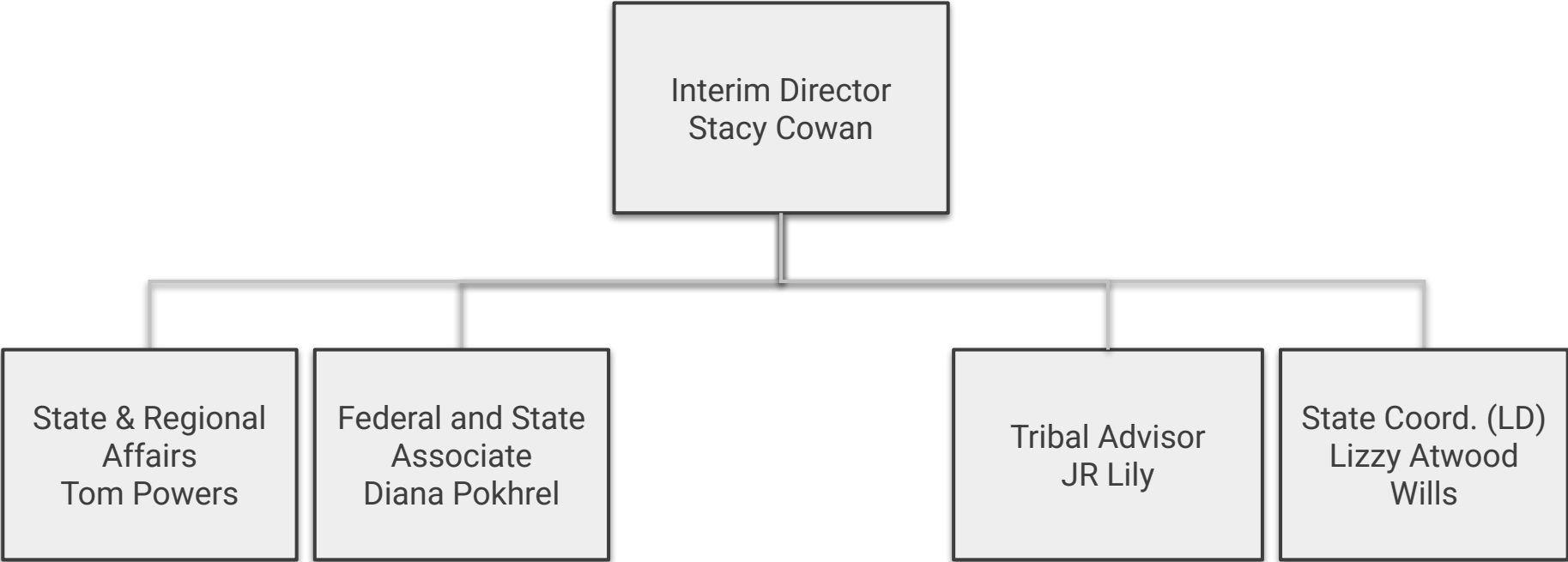
Questions



Appendices

The following slides are provided for reference.

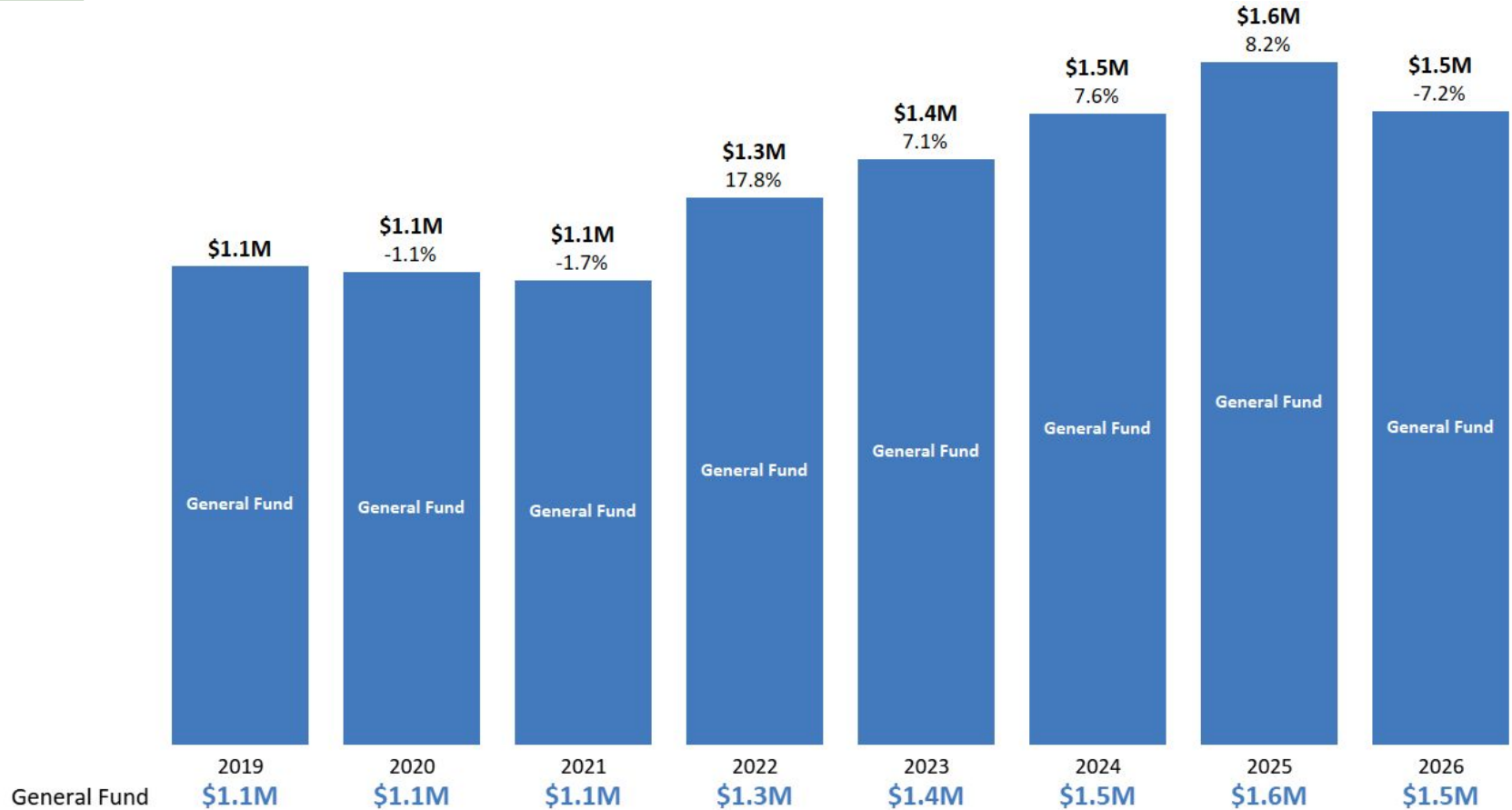
Organizational Chart



Government Relations Office - What We Do

- Advocate on behalf of Multnomah County at the Federal, State and Local level.
- Assist Board in the identification of State and Federal Legislative priorities.
- Work with Departments and Commissioners to assess legislative and agency policy impacts.
- Provide research support for County policy priorities.
- Identify funding opportunities for Multnomah County.
- Connect smaller cities with County operations.
- Partner with Federally Recognized tribes to improve County operations.

Significant Operating Funds FY 2019-2026



FY 2026 Budgeted Vacancies

PO #	JCN	Title	FTE	Total Personnel Expense
10016	9400	Government Relations Director (Staff Assistant)	1.00	\$330,996
Total			1.00	\$330,996