

Multnomah County Health Department
Community Budget Advisory Committee (CBAC)
Seeking New Members



The Multnomah County Health Department is seeking volunteers invested in racial justice, reducing health disparities and creating thriving communities that nurture the health and resilience of all.

The Health Department Community Budget Advisory Committees (CBAC) is responsible for making recommendations on county departmental budgets and operations. After being appointed, CBAC volunteers attend monthly meetings to inform their annual budget recommendations. Volunteers will also receive \$35 monthly stipends for participating.

[Ready to apply?](#)

What Volunteering Can Offer

- An opportunity to impact how local dollars are allocated for health department services and programs
- An opportunity to build relationships with health department staff, elected officials and other involved community members
- An opportunity to develop skills and knowledge in facilitation, public speaking, applying an equity lens, and government budgeting including planning, forecasting and approval processes.

What We Hope You Bring

- A sincere interest in public service
- Experience working in a collaborative, respectful, and productive way with people who have diverse backgrounds and viewpoints
- Knowledge, skills and/or life experiences that can inform and enrich the committee's deliberations
- A commitment to uphold the [values](#) of the CBAC

What the Committee Will Be Doing

- Meeting with department leadership to learn about programs that need funding
- Evaluating how budget requests align with department and committee values
- Presenting recommendations to the County Board of Commissioners

Shared Agreements

- Members should be free of any perceived or actual conflicts of interest
- Members should be available to attend monthly meetings and additional work sessions as needed to finalize budget recommendations.
- Members should expect to volunteer 2-6 hours per month.
- The County will attempt to remove financial and logistical barriers for participation in in-person meetings, including reimbursement for the cost of childcare, parking, transportation and providing food when possible.
- The County will provide technical assistance in joining virtual meetings
- The County will provide translation services

Restrictions

- [County Code](#) states a preference for individuals who work, or reside in Multnomah County.
- County employees may not be appointed to serve on County boards and committees.

Appointment Process

- Committee appointments are made by the County Board of Commissioners and last for three years, with the option to renew for another three years
- Before recommending a potential candidate for appointment, current committee members may:
 - Review your application
 - Hold an informal interview
 - invite the candidate to attend a CBAC meeting

To Apply

- Complete OCI's [online application](#) / [PDF fillable](#) and identify your interest in the Health Department CBAC, specifically
- After applying, selected candidates will be asked to complete a brief questionnaire and interview with current Health CBAC members

If you're interested in learning more about the CBAC, please contact Jonathan Livingston at 503-894-2490 or jonathan.livingston@mutlco.us. You can also submit an application for any County CBAC here: [Office of Community Involvement](#).

Community Budget Advisory Committee Values Statement



We are transformative leaders.

Our work addresses the intersectional roots of oppression, and redefines systems of power. Change comes through both individual and collective transformation. As we do the work, we will practice the values and refine our skills as leaders.

We offer expert knowledge.

We are the experts on what is needed in our communities. By virtue of being community members, we are uniquely qualified to make recommendations that will be impactful and serve a greater vision. We offer a level of authority that is inherently a shift in power by amplifying the active and meaningful voices of the communities that Multnomah County serves.

We uphold racial justice.

We recognize that both the physical and mental health of people of color, and the survival and well-being of communities of color, are matters of justice. As a government body, we recognize the trauma (both historic and present) that our communities suffer at the hands of government agencies; still, we seek to repair and restore a sense of safety and justice. By balancing scientific knowledge, practical experience, and the wisdom and beliefs of those we serve, we advance the critical process of healing.

We operate with dignity and respect.

We honor the humanity of those who participate in this work as well as the community members impacted by the work. We consider community partnerships essential in designing long-term, effective solutions to public health challenges. We view numbers not only as necessary tools for designing equitable budgets and policies, but also as representations of real, tangible impacts on the day-to-day lives of our friends and neighbors.

We believe in inter-cultural intelligence.

We bring a diverse, multi-lingual, inter-generational approach to knowledge-seeking. In evaluating equity, we seek the voices of those missing from the discussion. We hold self-evident the wisdom of communities and value their judgements as equal to ours. In order to facilitate community participation to the greatest extent possible, we consider barriers to inclusion such as language, transportation, childcare, and food insecurity and strive to see the need for these crucial access tools reflected at the budget level. We are a

malleable entity and realize that the best way to serve those that are to be impacted positively is to change as needs arise.

We hold ethics at the core.

We build trust by investing time into our relationships, showing respect by being clear with our purpose, process and intent. We bring self-awareness to ourselves as individuals and our body as a whole in ensuring congruence and a seamless integration of word and action. Serving ethically and consistently is a principle goal of ours as we seek to build a bridge of interconnectedness and interdependence between ourselves and those we serve.