

**Department:** Nondepartmental **Program Contact:** John Wasitynski  
**Program Offer Type:** Existing Operating Program **Program Offer Stage:** As Adopted  
**Related Programs:**  
**Program Characteristics:**

**Executive Summary**

The Multnomah County Office of Sustainability was established in 2010 to help plan, implement and coordinate the County's environmental Sustainability Program. The Office of Sustainability's mission is to work with County Departments and the community to promote programs and policies that lead to a more equitable, prosperous, and environmentally sound Multnomah County.

**Program Summary**

The Office of Sustainability has worked with the community and County departments to develop unique partnerships that help make Multnomah County a better place to live, work, and do business. The Office of Sustainability is not only committed to a healthy planet, but also firmly roots our work in Multnomah County's mission to protect the most vulnerable in our community. This value shapes the way we approach sustainability, an approach based on achieving social, economic, and environmental justice.

Major focus areas for FY 2017 include, implementation of the Climate Action Plan, implementation of the Commercial Building Property Assessed Clean Energy program, working to improve air quality, providing fresh organically grown food to food-insecure individuals and families, providing meaningful volunteer and workshop opportunities for County residents, and supporting a culture of resource-conservation in County operations. The Office of Sustainability will accomplish these goals by working with the County's elected leaders to develop and respond to new policies; by providing technical support to County departments and community organizations; through direct program delivery; and through research, data analysis, and reporting.

Climate Action Plan activities will include implementation of an enterprise wide tracking and accountability tool meant to capture the County's work on the more than 200 individual actions covered in the plan. The overall purpose of the plan, and these activities, is to promote a low carbon and resilient community. The office will also work to develop policies and procedures that the County can advocate for or implement that will advance the goals of the plan, for example, developing building performance requirements for quality, efficient, health promoting low income housing.

The Office of Sustainability will also support East County Caring Community activities to address infrastructure barriers to livability, including tree canopy cover; parks and open space; and community-oriented destinations. The Office will work with local and Federal partners to help advance these goals. The Federal partnership will be coordinated through the EPA led Making a Visible Difference initiative.

**Performance Measures**

Measure Type	Primary Measure	FY15 Actual	FY16 Purchased	FY16 Estimate	FY17 Offer
Output	Servings of fresh, culturally appropriate, produce donated. Servings are calculated by tracking the pounds	111,000	115,000	122,000	115,000
Outcome	% decrease in community wide greenhouse gas emissions over 1990 levels based on trend line analysis.	14%	13%	14%	15%
Output	Number of volunteer hours contributed to Office of Sustainability events or programs.	1,370	1,500	2,125	1,500

**Performance Measures Descriptions**

Output: Donation of healthy, culturally appropriate food from the CROPS program, as identified by our community partners. Outcome: The Office of Sustainability implements BCC adopted Climate Action Plan that calls for County wide greenhouse gas emissions reduction of 80% over 1990 levels by the year 2050. Output: The office provides meaningful opportunities for residents to engage with the County through the Community Farm program.

**Legal / Contractual Obligation**

None.

**Revenue/Expense Detail**

	Proposed General Fund	Proposed Other Funds	Proposed General Fund	Proposed Other Funds
Program Expenses	2016	2016	2017	2017
Personnel	\$502,191	\$0	\$543,310	\$0
Contractual Services	\$22,000	\$0	\$5,500	\$0
Materials & Supplies	\$29,144	\$0	\$21,000	\$0
Internal Services	\$57,591	\$0	\$59,217	\$0
<b>Total GF/non-GF</b>	<b>\$610,926</b>	<b>\$0</b>	<b>\$629,027</b>	<b>\$0</b>
<b>Program Total:</b>	<b>\$610,926</b>		<b>\$629,027</b>	
<b>Program FTE</b>	5.00	0.00	5.00	0.00

Program Revenues				
<b>Total Revenue</b>	<b>\$0</b>	<b>\$0</b>	<b>\$0</b>	<b>\$0</b>

**Explanation of Revenues**

This is a General Fund program.

**Significant Program Changes****Last Year this program was:** FY 2016: 10018-16 Office of Sustainability

In FY 2017 the Office of Sustainability will focus on the implementation of CPACE, a policy mechanism that will promote energy efficiency and renewable energy in commercial buildings. This new policy tool will support the Climate Action Plan goal to reduce greenhouse gas emissions by 80% over 1990 levels by the year 2050; an ongoing area of focus for the office. The office will continue to support Caring Community sustainability efforts in East Multnomah County in partnership with Government Relations. And the office, with the addition of a program technician in FY 16, will produce an annual sustainability report detailing the County's performance on Board adopted sustainability metrics. Finally, the community farm will be relocating on the Edgefield property because of the properties sale to McMenamins; the County has the right to maintain a permanent easement for the farming program.