

Office of Government Relations

Management Data

Commissioner in Charge: Mayor Adams
 Bureau Director: Martha Pellegrino
 Website: <http://portlandonline.com/govrelations/>
 Administration: 5.0%
 M/W/ESB Contract \$: 0.0% Prime

Workforce Data

Minorities: 25.0%
 Female: 50.0%
 Non-Represented: 100.0%
 Span of Control: 4 positions per supervisor
 Management Layers: 0 to 2

Resource and FTE Summary

	FY 2011-12 Adopted	FY 2012-13 Base	FY 2012-13 Reductions	FY 2012-13 Add Packages	FY 2012-13 Requested
GF Ongoing	566,177	\$473,384	(\$37,871)	\$0	\$435,513
GF One-Time	64,465	0	0	94,432	91,432
GF Overhead	669,430	727,529	0	0	727,529
Other Revenues	84,329	97,704	0	0	97,704
Total Revenues	\$1,319,876	\$1,298,617	(\$37,871)	\$94,432	\$1,352,178
FTE	7.00	7.00	(0.00)	0.00	7.00

Bureau Overview and Significant Issues

The mission of the Office of Government Relations is to help the City of Portland achieve its legislative policy and initiatives through advice to City Council and Bureaus, and through effective advocacy in the federal, state, and regional governments, and with other partners across the state.

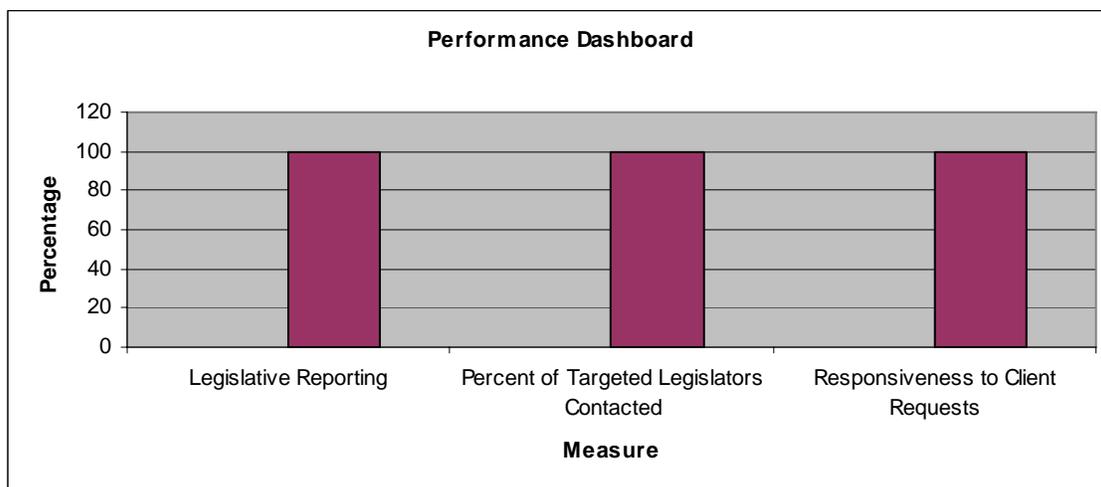
The agenda development process involved public input earlier in FY 2011-12, and included a community engagement forum that solicited ideas for both the federal and state agendas. This process can continue to be improved for the next regular legislative session to ensure the community has ample opportunity to identify issues and that the process is transparent and efficient for staff.

The office will begin development of the 2013 regular legislative session in Spring 2012, following the February/March 2012 short legislative session. OGR will implement the city's 2013 legislative agenda in Salem from January – June 2013. Annual sessions will require additional resources to cover expenses for City staff to work from the Salem offices during the short, even-numbered year sessions.

The growing number of state bills in combination with the city's antiquated bill tracking system has made bill tracking inefficient and prone to error. As a result OGR has contracted with C & E Systems for their "Bill Track OR" software to pilot during the February 2012 Session. This is a pilot project and OGR will survey our customers to get input on this system prior to purchase for the 2013 regular session.

Given the difficult economic conditions in the state, each member of Council will need to focus additional time on state and federal advocacy in order to advance the city's policy and funding objectives and to protect our current revenues and authority. The legislative team in the office of Government Relations will work closely with members of Council, staff, and bureaus to coordinate and support Council's advocacy.

Performance Dashboard



Operating and Capital Requirements

	FY 2010-11 Actuals	FY 2011-12 Adopted	FY 2012-13 Base	FY 2012-13 Request	FY 2013-14 Estimate
Operating - Base	\$1,211,900	\$1,255,411	\$1,298,617	\$1,260,746	\$1,370,178
Operating - One-Time Initiatives	0	64,465	0	91,432	0
Total	\$1,211,900	\$1,319,876	\$1,298,617	\$1,352,178	\$1,370,178

Overview of Key Projects and Initiatives

Annual Legislative Sessions – The passage of annual legislative sessions by the voters in November, 2010 will mean that the state legislative program will run year-round, with a shorter, and likely more active, interim between sessions. The increased level of activity at the state level and the level of activity during the interim period may mean that the office will need to hire an additional lobbyist in the near future.

Legislative Outreach - The Office of Government Relations develops relationships with government officials, business leaders, officials, and non-governmental organizations. This effort enhances the City's ability to advocate for, and achieve, its policy goals and initiatives, at all levels of government. We have implemented new strategies for soliciting and integrating public input into the city's legislative agenda building process and have expanded intergovernmental outreach on the city's federal and state legislative agendas.

Update Legislative Tracking System – The growing number of state bills in combination with our bill tracking system that needs some upgrades has made present bill tracking inefficient and can be prone to error. It also requires additional staff time in Salem. The office is currently undertaking a pilot project of a web-based tracking system. We will receive reviews from our customers after the 2011 Annual Session.

Customer Service - The office will continue to strive to meet a high level of customer service for the Council offices and the bureaus, as well as to the city's external customers. The office produced a customer service survey in the summer of 2011 to evaluate the office's customer relations efforts.

Federal Agenda and Advocacy - The Office of Government Relations aims to provide a higher level of service to the Mayor, Council offices and bureaus on federal legislative issues. The office develops federal legislative agendas on an annual basis.