

Wonder Woman Award 2022

Ashley Blakemore, Office of Management & Finance

Ashley is invaluable to me and our team. I can always rely on her to make sure that all day-to-day operations is running smoothly. Her customer service is exceptional, always going above and beyond to meet the needs of our customers with great professionalism. She is an amazing supporter and trainer to the rest of the team. She has stepped up and been nothing but incredible in the last two years through all the changes and demands! I am one lucky supervisor to have her on my team!

Nominated by: Angela Tran
Office of Management & Finance



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Aymie Reynolds, Office of Management & Finance

Aymie is a consummate professional that cares deeply about giving 100% to her work and co-workers and customers. She works hard to deliver great service and results to her bureau, division, and workgroup. Division of Asset Management is lucky to have her.

Nominated by: Penelope Luedtke
Bureau of Revenue and Financial Services



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Carmen Merlo, Office of Management & Finance

Carmen is a child of immigrants. She stands out as a woman leader, with kindness and generosity.

Nominated by: Anonymous



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Carmen Merlo, Office of Management & Finance

Carmen is a talented organizer, a strategic thinker, and a tremendous partner to BTS. She sees the tree roots as well as the forest, She ably juggles a zillion things, is willing to invite other perspectives to the table, acts decisively, and helps keep OMF pointed in the right direction. Thanks, Carmen!

Nominated by: Elyse Rosenberg
Bureau of Technology Services



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Carmen Merlo, Office of Management & Finance

Wonder Women lead the charge to save others. Wonder-Responders demonstrated their commitment to help others during a long 2-year COVID-19 response that tested the limits of emergency response capacity to extremes. Every person was affected and touched by the pandemic. During this prolonged response and with many major adjustments for all in the City, additional emergencies arose – a heat dome with deadly excessive heat, snow and ice storms, power outages, and a chlorine shortage. The City set up shelters and vaccination clinics, we planned for continuity of operations, we discussed safety protocols and implemented them, and the City Emergency Coordination Center along with other Bureaus, remained activated on duty throughout this tumultuous time. Our female colleagues and work friends met the pandemic challenge, adapting in ways we never knew would be needed. I am proud of all of their efforts, and grateful for their steady resolve, their resilience, and their tremendous support. Some of my heroes may not think they were serving as responders, because they were doing their regular work, but it is often the foundational core duties that others perform that support successful emergency response. I greatly value that support and feel that everyone had a role in keeping the City functional, and in ensuring each others' safety – We got through this together. Wonder-Responders and the people who support their efforts all put on their COVID-Capes and became COVID-Conquerers, which is wonderful indeed!

Nominated by: Kim Parsons Anderson
Portland Water Bureau



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Carmen Merlo, Office of Management & Finance

Carmen goes above and beyond her formal responsibilities to solve problems, support colleagues and employees, and lead on critical issues facing the City. Over the course of the pandemic, she has been a trusted colleague and steady leader for multiple teams. I am grateful for her leadership!

Nominated by: Tom Rinehart
Office of Management & Finance



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Corrine Thiem, Office of Management & Finance

Corrine has an outstanding command of her program and very personably communicates difficult work with the public. She is receptive to community input and pulls in people from other bureaus and government agencies to get things done.

Nominated by: Anonymous



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Crystal Castruita, Office of Management & Finance

Crystal brings expert knowledge, curiosity, partnership, and humor with her to work every day. She has ably climbed a steep learning curve and provides tremendous support to BTS. Thank you for what you do, Crystal!

Nominated by: Elyse Rosenberg
Bureau of Technology Services



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Deborah Schubert, Office of Management & Finance

Deb always exhibits the utmost in courtesy, professionalism, and customer service with vendors and clients.

Nominated by: Heather Christiansen
Office of Management & Finance



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Deborah Schubert, Office of Management & Finance

Deborah is always supporting her team to the best of her abilities. She has worked hard in Dispatch to make sure that Facilities Techs have everything they need to be able to respond to work requests, as well as communicating information to customers. She is a wonderful person and in fact is a Wonder :) She is a Wonder Women

Nominated by: Steven Jordan
Office of Management & Finance



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Dharma Dueck, Office of Management & Finance

You may not know who Dharma is but most likely you benefit from her eagle eyes and great attention to detail. She is responsible for incredible and sensitive body of work which allows the City to pay for all our many contractor's invoices. For the past many months, she has been working on an extremely understaffed team and long hours to make sure our many partners are not left without their pay. Thank you, Dharma, for all that you do! We are much better off because of you.

Nominated by: Georgia West
Portland Bureau of Emergency Management



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Geraldine Moyle, Office of Management & Finance

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Portland Water Bureau



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Jennifer Bandov, Office of Management & Finance

Jennifer is always kind and helpful, I've asked her for help with issues that aren't exactly her specialty, but she is always more than willing to take the time to help me or help me find the right person to resolve my issue.

Nominated by: Anonymous



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Jenny Liddicoat, Office of Management & Finance

Always willing to go the extra mile for our city employees needing help with their equipment. No matter how stressful is the day she is always kind.

Nominated by: Anonymous



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Laura Oppenheimer, Office of Management & Finance

Laura has done outstanding work building trust for new ways of improving and unifying the City of Portland's communications work. The entire organization has improved because of her work, and we have a lot to learn from her leadership.

Nominated by: Tom Rinehart
Office of Management & Finance



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Maty Sauter, Office of Management & Finance

Maty has shown some exceptional leadership, innovative thinking, and passionate dedication to her work at OMF and especially for advocacy in developing mature asset management throughout the City. She led other City asset managers in coordinating some very complex, well-executed, infrastructure tours across multiple bureau sites for Council members and their staff. The coordination, along with great informational presentation on asset management, required a lot of her dedicated time, thought, and energy. She has pushed for showing the connections between asset management and equity, resilience, and affordability in a way that has benefited the understanding of asset management's value throughout the City. Finally, she's sharp as hell and probably five steps ahead of the two steps ahead you think you're at! I always learn something listening to her and appreciate her drive to want to make things better for the City and its communities.

Nominated by: Nishant Parulekar
Bureau of Environmental Services



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Michelle Kunec-North, Office of Management & Finance

Michelle's efforts to launch the City's 3-1-1 program have been truly exceptional. We have a lot to learn from the way she steadily has built trust and methodically started a program that the City has wanted to offer for many years.

Nominated by: Tom Rinehart
Office of Management & Finance



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Nancy Stellmach, Office of Management & Finance

Nancy is fantastic! She is extremely organized and careful. She performs her daily duties with a beginners mindset, using her eagle eyes when review even the simplest document. She is an essential part of our everyday activities and keep us on track on being great stewards of public funds. Nancy's role is on the backstage and because of her commitment to outstanding services, our organization can shine in the eyes of our partners and collaborators.

Nominated by: Anonymous



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Pauline Goble, Office of Management & Finance

Pauline is an energetic, enthusiastic, extremely professional, and highly intelligent woman. For seven years she has led the helm of Properties in the Office of Management & Finance - Division of Asset Management - Facilities with extremely tenacious and vibrant skill. She is singlehandedly responsible for an entire network of relationships with diverse bureau, from Parks to PBOT to Police, all with different responsibilities and quirks. It takes a woman with the breadth and width of her intelligence and a very gracious air to be able to manage it. Although she is not in a managerial role, she is very much a person who can manage a team, and I am very lucky to have been placed on the Properties team. Alongside Maty Sauter, she is the reason why working at the City of Portland is fun and exciting. She is very much aware of how important she is to all of us, and her cheerfulness is just as necessary and useful in our everyday work. Without her, Properties would not be able to do the important work that it does. She managed the spate of property management during the COVID-19 crisis and is helping to wrangle projects with HUCIRP and other city initiatives to improve life in the City of Portland.

I am so very lucky to have her as a coworker.

Nominated by: Joe Galvan, Maty Sauter, Steven Beals, Todd Tschida, Sue Connelly,
Aymie Reynolds, Deb Schubert, all from OMF-DAM-Properties
Office of Management & Finance



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Robin Parker, Office of Management & Finance

Robin is one tough cookie (the kind that is soft on the inside!). She is one of the most resilient women I know! Robin has gone through some valleys the last two years, but every day she shows up with professionalism, a smile and delivers! “A resilient woman sorts out what she CAN control from what she can’t – and she’s on top of the things she can. She takes responsibility for what she contributes to any situation. She accepts things for what they are in the moment and focuses on what she can do to make them better” That is the Robin on our team!

Nominated by: Angela Tran
Office of Management & Finance



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Saffy Chan, Office of Management & Finance

Saffy –. Saffy is incredibly efficient, has the most remarkable attention to detail. Her quietness brings balance to the day-to-day chaos, and you know what they say about the quiet ones, “Quiet people are natural learners, and they have an unquenchable thirst for knowledge” This explains why she was able to pick up everything tasked to her, even the most complicated timekeeping so quickly! Her eager to learn and to jump in to help at any moment brings such great positivity and motivation to us all. Saffy has been such a valuable addition to our team

Nominated by: Angela Tran
Office of Management & Finance



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Sheila Craig, Office of Management & Finance

Sheila leads a team of skilled finance professionals who sleuth out solutions to make sure our grants are funded, and our audits are clean. She sees value in people and is a promoter of her staff. She teaches people to see, appreciate and have faith in their own abilities. She is magic.

Nominated by: Anonymous



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Sonia Schmanski, Office of Management & Finance

Sonia is thoughtful, organized, diligent, compassionate, and the BEST project manager/team leader I've ever had the pleasure of working with in my 13+ years with the City.

Nominated by: Danielle Brooks
Office of Equity and Human Rights



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Sonia Schmanski, Office of Management & Finance

In recognition of your support of innovative programs and community funding.

Nominated by: Gabriel Solmer
Portland Water Bureau



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