

Intergovernmental Relations

Office of Intergovernmental Relations

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Department Description

The mission and purpose of the Office of Intergovernmental Relations (OIR) is to provide advice and information to, and on behalf of, elected officials, City departments, and external customers. The primary goal of these efforts is to ensure that the City's interests are advanced with international, tribal, federal, state, and regional entities, so that City government better serves the community.

Policy and Program Changes

Combining the functions of one state lobbying position in the Federal and State Relations program and the Tribal Relations position in the Regional and Tribal Relations program allows the department to eliminate one staff position while preserving both functions at reduced staffing levels. Reductions in areas such as printing and travel represent administrative streamlining. City membership support of some state and international organizations will be reduced, though others, such as Sister Cities, will continue at prior levels.

City Council Budget Changes and Provisos

There are no Council changes or provisos.

Resources	Summit Code	2001 Actual	2002 Adopted	2003 Adopted	2004 Endorsed
Intergovernmental Relations Budget Control Level					
Federal and State Relations		808,045	859,592	728,042	745,975
International Relations		453,110	478,456	415,283	425,685
Regional and Tribal Relations		405,085	294,393	364,985	373,886
Appropriation	X1G00	1,666,240	1,632,441	1,508,310	1,545,546
Department Total		1,666,240	1,632,441	1,508,310	1,545,546
Department Full-time Equivalents Total*		14.50	12.50	11.50	11.50

*The department FTE total is provided for information only. All authorized positions are listed in Appendix A.

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Intergovernmental Relations: Federal and State Relations

Purpose Statement

The purpose of the Federal and State Relations program is to provide strategic advice, representation, and advocacy to and for City elected officials and departments on federal and state legislative, programmatic, and policy/regulatory actions, thereby promoting and protecting the City's federal and state interests.

Program Summary

Combine the portfolio of one state lobbyist with the portfolio of the tribal relations position, allowing the department to eliminate one position in the Federal and State Relations program, preserving the state lobbying and tribal relations functions at a reduced staffing level.

Resources	2001 Actual	2002 Adopted	2003 Adopted	2004 Endorsed
General Subfund	808,045	859,592	728,042	745,975
Total	808,045	859,592	728,042	745,975
Full-time Equivalents Total*	6.78	6.44	4.90	4.90

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Intergovernmental Relations: International Relations

Purpose Statement

The purpose of the International Relations program is to provide strategic advice and representation to and for the City's elected officials, departments, external partners, and decision makers so that the City's international relations interests are promoted and protected.

Program Summary

Reduce internal administrative costs such as printing, mailing, and travel.

Resources	2001 Actual	2002 Adopted	2003 Adopted	2004 Endorsed
General Subfund	453,110	478,456	415,283	425,685
Total	453,110	478,456	415,283	425,685
Full-time Equivalents Total*	3.19	2.89	2.75	2.75

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Intergovernmental Relations: Regional and Tribal Relations

Purpose Statement

The purpose of the Regional and Tribal Relations program is to assist City elected officials and departments in developing and implementing effective strategies on 1) jurisdictional issues involving King County, suburban cities, the Port of Seattle, the University of Washington, Puget Sound Regional Council, and other regional governmental organizations so that the City's regional interests are promoted and protected, and 2) government-to-government relationships with federally recognized tribes so that the City develops and maintains positive tribal relationships.

Program Summary

Combine the portfolio of one state lobbyist with the portfolio of the tribal relations position, allowing the department to eliminate one position in the Federal and State Relations program, preserving the state lobbying and tribal relations functions at a reduced staffing level.

Resources	2001 Actual	2002 Adopted	2003 Adopted	2004 Endorsed
General Subfund	405,085	294,393	364,985	373,886
Total	405,085	294,393	364,985	373,886
Full-time Equivalent Total*	4.53	3.17	3.85	3.85

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