



## **Lesley Bennett**

### **Qualifications Summary**

Versatile accounting and finance professional with over twenty years of experience in public and non-profit sectors overseeing compliance, payroll, bookkeeping, forecasting, audits, and budgeting. A dynamic manager with broad knowledge of policy, research, project management, Board development, and community relations. A hands-on problem solver dedicated to solving any issue and getting things running smoothly.

### **Professional History**

CFO Selections	Consultant	2017 – Current
Adjunct Professor	Pacific University	2022 – Current
Latino Network	Director of Operations and Finance	2015 – 2017
Willamette Partnership	Director of Finance	2012 – 2015
Oregon League of Conservation Voters	Chief Financial Officer	2011 – 2012
David Wu for Congress	Compliance Director	2003 – 2011
Forward Oregon	Chief Financial Officer	2008
Bicycle Transportation Alliance	Finance Director	2005 – 2006
U.S. Department of Education	Program Analyst, School-to-Work Program	1999 – 2000
U.S. House of Representatives	Legislative Aide	1995 – 1999

### **Accomplishments**

- Played a key role in organization expansion while at the Latino Network, from 48 to over 120 employees, and all systems and policies supporting this growth. Created a new financial system with the ability to communicate directly to organization leadership and the Board of Directors, compliant with State and private granting organizations.
- Developed organizational and program budgets, and was responsible for budget oversight at various organizations.
- Responsible for internal and external communications and branding, developed and managed website content at the Willamette Partnership.
- At the Oregon League of Conservation Voters, created a new financial management system that had an annual budget of \$1.25 million and included a 501(c)3, 501(c)4, and Oregon State Political Action Committee.
- Coordinated fundraising events, managed volunteers, event program, fundraising pitch, and goals at various organizations.
- Administered a profit-sharing plan, identified risks, made policy recommendations and implemented successful plans to improve operations at Bicycle Transportation Alliance.
- Responsible for audit oversight and preparation, as well as administering payroll and benefits services at various organizations.

### **Education and Certifications**

- Bachelor of Science in Political Science, Minor in Sociology, Portland State University
- Financial Management for Non-Profit Organizations, Coursework, Portland State University