

Division: Nondepartmental - All Other

Program Characteristics:

Program Description

Since 1908, all counties in Oregon had received payments from the US government from revenue generated by the sale of timber cut on federal forest lands. State law specified how the revenue was to be allocated.

The federal law authorizing federal timber payments to counties, PL 106-393, sunset as of September 30, 2006. It was reauthorized by Congress for one year in 2007, and was renewed in 2008 for a four-year period, during which time the amount received declined each year. FY 2012 was to have been the last year in this 4-year extension. Congress reauthorized this legislation for one year in FY 2013, and again in FY 2014.

In April of 2015, Congress once again reauthorized the Secure Rural Schools program, but for two years. Payments were retroactive for the County's FY 2015 budget and will provide funds in FY 2016. The law was not reauthorized for FY 2017, and timber payments will be governed by the 1908 Act as amended. The law was not reauthorized for FY 2019, and our assumption is that it will not be reauthorized in the future.

The remaining revenue is from the County's portion of the ad valorem tax that is assessed on the value of rail cars as outlined by state statute.

These funds are distributed to Portland Public, Corbett, Centennial, David Douglas, Parkrose, Reynolds, Gresham-Barlow, and Riverdale School Districts.

Equity Statement

The County takes its job seriously as a trusted partner in sending federal money to our local rural schools. We follow the federal law to ensure that these timber and tax funds are shared fairly and clearly, ensuring every dollar goes to the rural schools.

Revenue/Expense Detail

	2026 General Fund	2026 Other Funds	2027 General Fund	2027 Other Funds
Contractual Services	\$0	\$70,025	\$0	\$70,000
Total GF/non-GF	\$0	\$70,025	\$0	\$70,000
Total Expenses:	\$70,025		\$70,000	
Program FTE	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
Program Revenues				
Intergovernmental	\$0	\$25,000	\$0	\$25,000
Taxes	\$0	\$45,000	\$0	\$45,000
Beginning Working Capital	\$0	\$25	\$0	\$0
Total Revenue	\$0	\$70,025	\$0	\$70,000

Performance Measures

Performance Measure	FY25 Actual	FY26 Estimate	FY27 Target
	N/A	N/A	N/A
	N/A	N/A	N/A