

Division: Nondepartmental - All Other

Program Characteristics:

Program Description

In November 2020, the voters of Multnomah County approved ballot measure 26-211 for a County Library Capital Construction Project. The measure authorized the County to issue General Obligation Bonds not to exceed \$387 million and will be payable from taxes on property or property ownership that are not subject to the limits of section 11 and 11b, Article XI of the Oregon Constitution. The County Library Project will enlarge and modernize eight libraries. Build a flagship library in East County, expand/renovate/or construct seven branches including Albina, Belmont, Holgate, Midland, North Portland, Northwest, and St. Johns, create a central materials handling and distribution center, and provide high speed internet to all libraries.

The County issued debt in January 2021 in two series (2021A & 2021B) totaling \$387 million. The Bonds were delivered on January 26, 2021 and will fully mature in fiscal year 2029. Revenue to pay debt is derived from property taxes and interest income. Bonds are double rated (Moody's - Aaa and S&P - AAA) and annual debt service began in December of 2021. The County has established a dedicated debt service fund (2003) to account for debt payments (principal and interest), all taxes levied, and accrued interest. The capital project is be managed in a separate capital fund (2517) in the Department of County Assets that accounts for bond proceeds, interest accrued on bond proceeds, and all capital expenditures.

Equity Statement

This program ensures property tax levy revenues dedicated to retire the Library General Obligation Bonds are solely used for the restricted purpose. Program also ensures debt obligations are met. Timely payment of debt obligations, compliance to financing terms/conditions, and transparent financial reporting helps prevent non-compliance, penalties, and negative impacts to the County's debt rating. Maintaining a good debt rating helps reduce the cost of debt for future debt obligations.

Revenue/Expense Detail

	2026 General Fund	2026 Other Funds	2027 General Fund	2027 Other Funds
Debt Service	\$0	\$57,090,090	\$0	\$58,804,130
Unappropriated & Contingency	\$0	\$2,372,496	\$0	\$2,831,532
Total GF/non-GF	\$0	\$59,462,586	\$0	\$61,635,662
Total Expenses:	\$59,462,586		\$61,635,662	
Program FTE	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
Program Revenues				
Taxes	\$0	\$56,590,090	\$0	\$57,804,130
Interest	\$0	\$300,000	\$0	\$300,000
Beginning Working Capital	\$0	\$2,572,496	\$0	\$3,531,532
Total Revenue	\$0	\$59,462,586	\$0	\$61,635,662

Performance Measures

Performance Measure	FY25 Actual	FY26 Estimate	FY27 Target
Moody's Rating of Aa1 or Better (1-Yes, 0-No)	1	1	1
Debt Service Payments Made as Scheduled (1-Yes, 0-No)	1	1	1