

**BEFORE THE BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS  
FOR MULTNOMAH COUNTY, OREGON**

**RESOLUTION NO. 2025-041**

Adopting and Defining the Various Funds to be Used in Fiscal Year 2026 and Repealing Resolution 2025-027.

**The Multnomah County Board of Commissioners Finds:**

- a. The Board has the responsibility to ensure that the County's financial records are maintained.
- b. The Department of County Management is responsible under Multnomah County Code (MCC) 7.001 for the fiscal operations of the County.
- c. The Board has established various funds in the County's Fiscal Year 2026 Budget.

**The Multnomah County Board of Commissioners Resolves:**

1. This Resolution replaces Resolution No. 2025-027, which is repealed.
2. The following policies and fund structure are the guidelines for the financial accounting of County resources and expenditures.

**GOVERNMENTAL FUNDS**

**Basis of Accounting**

The County maintains all governmental fund types including: the General Fund, Special Revenue Funds, Debt Service Funds, and Capital Project Funds using the modified accrual basis of accounting. Under the modified accrual basis of accounting, revenues are recorded in the accounting period in which they become measurable and available, and expenditures are recorded at the time liabilities are incurred.

**GENERAL FUND**

**General Fund (1000)** - To account for and report all financial operations of the County which are not accounted for and reported in another fund. The primary sources of revenue are property taxes, business income taxes, motor vehicle rental taxes, service charges, intergovernmental revenue, fees and permits, and interest income. The majority of expenditures in the General Fund are made for general government, public safety, health services, and social services.

The General Fund also accounts for the repayment of short-term debt interest expenses incurred through the sale of short-term promissory notes.

**SPECIAL REVENUE FUNDS**

Special Revenue Funds are used to account for and report the proceeds of specific revenue sources that are restricted, committed or assigned to expenditures for specified purposes other than debt service or capital projects. A special revenue fund can be used if 30% or more of the resources recorded in the fund are either restricted or committed, as defined in the adopted Financial and Budget Policies.

**Road Fund (1501)** - In accordance with Oregon Revised Statutes (ORS) 366.739 - 366.774 and ORS 368.705, accounts for revenues primarily received from the State of Oregon Motor Vehicle Fee apportionment, County gasoline taxes, federal reserve yield, and interest income. Expenditures are restricted by Article IX, Section 3A of the Constitution of the State of Oregon and consist of construction, repair, maintenance, and operations of public highways and roads.

**Bicycle Path Construction Fund (1503)** - Accounts for one percent of the State of Oregon Motor Vehicle fees collected pursuant to ORS 366.514. Expenditures are restricted under Oregon law for bicycle path construction and maintenance.

**Recreation Fund (1504)** - The revenues are from the County Marine Fuel Tax. Under an intergovernmental agreement with Metro entered into in 1994, transferred revenues to Metro are restricted to be used for the purposes of development, administration, operation and maintenance of those County facilities transferred to Metro pursuant to this agreement.

**Federal/State Program Fund (1505)** - Accounts for the majority of grant restricted revenues and expenditures related to funding received from federal, state and local programs. The fund also includes some non-restricted operational revenues in the form of fees and licenses.

**County School Fund (1506)** - Accounts for Forest Reserve yield revenues received from the State pursuant to ORS 293.560 and 294.060. Expenditures are restricted per ORS 328.005 to 328.045 for distribution to County School districts.

**Animal Control Fund (1508)** - Accounts for revenues from dog and cat licenses and animal control fees per ORS 609.100. Cash transfers are made to the General Fund for animal services programs. The fund also contains donations that are restricted by the donors to be used for programs or projects related to Animal Services.

**Willamette River Bridges Fund (1509)** - Accounts for State of Oregon motor vehicle fees and County gasoline taxes. Restricted Federal and State revenue sharing funding is also recorded in the Willamette River Bridges Fund. Expenditures are for inspections and maintenance of County bridges.

**Library Fund (1510)** - Accounts for the Multnomah County Library operations. The principal source of revenue is reimbursement from the Library District (Fund 1520) pursuant to an intergovernmental agreement.

**Special Excise Tax Fund (1511)** - Accounts for a portion of the County's transient lodging taxes collected from all hotels and motels in the County and motor vehicle rental taxes collected from rental agencies. Expenditures are restricted to the Convention Center, visitor development purposes, regional arts and culture purposes and other uses pursuant to MCC 11.300 through 11.499.

**Land Corner Preservation Fund (1512)** - Accounts for the collection of recording fees on real property transactions and surveying activities. Expenditures are made for the establishment, re-establishment, and maintenance of public corners of government surveys pursuant to ORS 203.148.

**Inmate Welfare Fund (1513)** - Accounts for the proceeds from the sale of jail commissary items. Expenditures are made for food and supplies for inmates in County jails. Excess funds are used on inmate amenities such as recreation equipment for the institutions. Ending balances in this fund are committed per Board of County Commissioners Resolution 2011-035.

**Coronavirus (COVID-19) Response Fund (1515)** – Accounts for revenues and expenditures associated with the County’s COVID-19 public health emergency response and economic recovery efforts. Expenditures are restricted to public health services, behavioral health, medical services, human services, measures taken to facilitate and comply with COVID-19 public health measures (e.g., care for homeless population) and efforts to support economic recovery from the pandemic. Revenues are primarily derived from American Rescue Plan (ARPA) and other State and Federal COVID-19 relief grant funds.

**Justice Services Special Operations Fund (1516)** - Accounts for revenues and expenditures that are dedicated to Justice Services and Operations. Revenues are primarily from various fees and fines, including probation fees, criminal processing assessment fees, conciliation court fees, ambulance franchise fees, forfeitures, video lottery, alarm permits, concealed weapon permits, gun ordinance fees and liquor license fees (ORS 471.166) collected for civil processing inspection. Where a County Ordinance or Board resolution restricts resources recorded in this fund, any remaining balances will be accounted for as committed. Any unrestricted ending balances will be transferred to the General Fund at year-end.

**Oregon Historical Society Levy Fund (1518)** - Accounts for the five-year local option levy revenues collected on behalf of the Oregon Historical Society and four east county historical societies. The funding is passed through to support the history library, museum and educational programs.

**Video Lottery Fund (1519)** – Accounts for revenues received from the Oregon State Lottery. Under Oregon Revised Statutes (ORS), Chapter 461, counties receive a State-determined amount of the net receipts from video lottery games. Expenditures are restricted to furthering economic development.

**Library District Fund (1520)** – Accounts for revenues and expenditures of the Multnomah Library District. The primary source of revenue is property tax collections related to the permanent rate passed by the voters of Multnomah County for the creation of the Multnomah County Library District, effective July 1, 2013. Additional sources of revenue include fines and grants. The expenditures are made pursuant to an intergovernmental agreement for library services provided by Multnomah County Library. Library operations will continue out of the Library Fund (1510), with periodic reimbursements from the Library District Fund (1520) to the Library Fund (1510) per the intergovernmental agreement. (Also, this fund, along with the Library District Capital Construction Fund (2514) is reported as a blended component unit.)

**Supportive Housing Fund (1521)** – Accounts for revenues received from Visitors Facilities Trust Fund (Livability and Safety Support Services). Funds will be used for support services and programs for people experiencing homelessness, or who are at risk of becoming homeless, and services and programs addressing community livability and safety concerns associated with homelessness. This fund also accounts for revenues and expenditures for Supportive Housing Services for those people experiencing homelessness. “HereTogether Program” revenues are derived from tax revenues passed through from Metro.

**Preschool for All Program Fund (1522)** – Accounts for revenues and expenditures for the County Preschool for All Program. The primary source of revenue is personal income tax collections related to Ballot Measure 26-214 passed by the voters of Multnomah County on November 3, 2020, and effective January 1, 2021. Revenues are dedicated to fund universal, tuition-free, voluntary, and high quality preschool education within Multnomah County.

## **DEBT SERVICE FUNDS**

Debt Service Funds are used to account for and report financial resources that are restricted, committed or assigned to expenditures for principal and interest and fees associated with servicing debt. Debt service funds should be used to report resources if legally mandated. Financial resources that are being accumulated for principal and interest maturing in future years also should be reported in debt service funds. Upon the repayment of principal and interest, any receipts remaining in the fund are returned to the originating jurisdiction or County General Fund.

**Capital Debt Retirement Fund (2002)** - Accounts for loans and full faith and credit obligation principal and interest payments for buildings and major pieces of equipment acquired by the issuance of Certificates of Participation or other financing arrangements. Revenues consist of service reimbursements and cash transfers from other County funds.

**General Obligation Bond Fund (2003)** - This fund accounts for the payment of principal and interest on General Obligation (GO) Bonds. The GO Bond Fund accounts for Series 2021 Library Bonds to expand, renovate, construct library branches/facilities, and improve safety. Proceeds are derived from property taxes and interest earned on the cash balances.

**PERS Bond Sinking Fund (2004)** - Accounts for the principal and interest payments on pension obligation revenue bonds issued to retire the County's PERS unfunded actuarial accrued liability. The revenues are derived from charge backs to departments based on their departmental payroll costs.

## **CAPITAL PROJECTS FUNDS**

Capital Projects Funds are used to account for and report financial resources that are restricted, committed or assigned to expenditures for capital outlays including the acquisition or construction of capital facilities and other capital assets. Capital outlays financed from general obligation bond proceeds should be accounted for in a capital project fund. Upon completion of a capital project that required financing, any remaining cash is transferred to the Debt Service Fund to retire debt associated with the construction or acquisition of designated capital assets or to the originating source of the funds.

**Downtown Courthouse Capital Fund (2500)** - Accounts for expenditures for the planning and construction of a new downtown County courthouse. Resources in the fund are derived from the state of Oregon, debt issuance, and other financing proceeds. Project is substantially complete.

**Asset Replacement Revolving Fund (2503)** - Accounts for expenditures for small capital assets/equipment that might otherwise need to be acquired through the issuance of debt. Resources in the fund are derived from one-time revenue available in FY2015. Expenditures will be reimbursed over time by loan payments charged to the budgets of programs for which the assets are purchased.

**Library Capital Construction Fund (2506)** - Accounts for the capital improvement project fees collected from County Libraries (1510) to provide for needed capital projects for the Library District (1520). Expenditures are made for capital improvements and acquisitions for the Library District. This fund was created in order to segregate capital activity for the Library District from the general government capital activity.

**Capital Improvement Fund (2507)** – Accounts for expenditures for buildings and major capital equipment (Tier 2 and Tier 3, older). Expenditures are made for capital acquisitions, capital improvements, or retirement of lease/purchases, authorized by Board Resolution 99-144. Resources are derived from a capital improvement program fee that is part of the facilities charges assessed on building tenants, interest income, and County General Fund.

**Information Technology Capital Fund (2508)** - Accounts for expenditures for Information Technology capital projects. Resources are derived from service reimbursements, transfers from Information Technology Fund (3503), and County General Fund.

**Asset Preservation Fund (2509)** - Accounts for expenditures for building and capital equipment (Tier 1, newer). This includes scheduled maintenance projects such as boiler replacement, carpet replacement, roof replacement etc. This fund was established and is being maintained to provide prospective maintenance and not deferred maintenance. Resources are derived from an asset preservation fee that is part of the facilities charges assessed to building tenants.

**Sellwood Bridge Replacement Fund (2511)** - Accounts for expenditures for construction and replacement of the Sellwood Bridge. Resources are derived from Vehicle Registration Fees, City of Portland, Clackamas County, State of Oregon and federal funds, debt issuance or other financing proceeds. Project is complete.

**Burnside Bridge Fund (2515)** – Accounts for expenditures for rehabilitating or replacing the Burnside Bridge. Resources are derived from Vehicle Registration Fees (ORS 803.420). It is anticipated that a consortium of federal, state, and regional agencies, including Multnomah County, will fund environmental study, final design, and construction efforts.

**Behavioral Health Resource Center Capital Fund (2516)** – Accounts for expenditures for the planning and construction of a behavioral health resource center. The principal resources in the fund are derived from County General Fund and State and Federal grants. Project is substantially complete.

**Multnomah County Library Capital Construction (GO Bond) Fund (2517)** – Accounts for expenditures for the planning, renovation, and construction of certain library facilities as approved by Multnomah County voters on November 3, 2020, as Ballot Measure 26-211. Resources are derived from debt issuance, interest from bond proceeds, and certain grant funds.

**Justice Center Capital Fund (2518)** – Accounts for expenditures for various capital projects within the Justice Center over a 5-7 year period. Initial expenditures will be associated with electrical system upgrades and the bus duct replacement. Resources are derived from County General Fund and other local government support.



**Homeless Services Capital Fund (2519)** – Accounts for capital improvement and capital acquisition expenditures for the Homeless Services Department. The fund will account for various capital projects (e.g. Montavilla Safe Park Shelter Capital Project). Resources are derived from Supportive Housing Services Fund, County General Fund, and State and Federal grants.

**Animal Services Facility Capital Fund (2520)** – Accounts for expenditures for the planning, design, and construction of a new animal shelter facility. Proceeds from the Pig Farm sale will initially fund planning and design phases.

**Sobering and Crisis Intervention Capital Fund (2521)** – accounts for expenditures for the building acquisition and capital improvements of a new permanent deflection/sobering services facility. Resources are derived from State grant funds, 2024 HB 5204 and SB 5701.

## **PROPRIETARY FUNDS**

### **Basis of Accounting**

The County maintains all Proprietary Fund types including: Enterprise Funds and Internal Service Funds using the full accrual basis of accounting. Under the full accrual basis of accounting, revenues are recorded at the time they are earned, and expenses are recorded at the time liabilities are incurred.

Internal Service Funds are entirely or predominantly self-supporting through user charges, operating earnings, or transfers from other funds. These funds, authorized under ORS 294.343, are considered to have indefinite life. In the event the fund is discontinued, any excess funds would be returned to the originating jurisdictions or other County funds.

## **ENTERPRISE FUNDS**

**Dunthorpe-Riverdale Service District No. 1 Fund (3000)** - Accounts for the operations of the sanitary sewer system in southwest unincorporated Multnomah County. (Also reported as a blended component unit.)

**Mid-Multnomah County Street Lighting Service District No. 14 Fund (3001)** - Accounts for the operations of street lights throughout unincorporated Multnomah County. (Also reported as a blended component unit.)

**Behavioral Health Managed Care Fund (3002)** - Accounts for all financial activity associated with the State of Oregon's required behavioral health capitated services. This includes payments to providers with whom the County contracts for services. Revenues are fee for service payments from the State of Oregon to Multnomah County. This fund is no longer collecting revenues, remaining unrestricted balances are being spent.

**Health Department FQHC Fund (3003)** – Accounts for revenues and expenditures for the County's Community Health Center Program. The Community Health Centers are community based, patient governed organizations that provide comprehensive primary care and preventative care, including health, oral health, and mental health/substances abuse services. The primary source of revenue is the Consolidated Health Centers 330 grant, medical service fees (e.g. Medicaid and Medicare), third party insurance reimbursements, and other State and local program income. All program income is restricted to uses that further the objectives of the Community Health Center.

## **INTERNAL SERVICE FUNDS**

**Risk Management Fund (3500)** - Accounts for all internal service reimbursements, revenues, and expenses associated with the County's insurance requirements and administration of workers' compensation, general liability, tort, auto, property, employee medical, dental, vision, life and long-term disability claims and insurance, employee benefits, health promotion, other post-employment benefit obligations, and unemployment insured and self-insured programs pursuant to MCC 7.101.

**Fleet Management Fund (3501)** - Accounts for internal service reimbursements, revenues and expenses associated with the administration and operation of the County's motor vehicle fleet.

**Fleet Asset Replacement Fund (3502)** - Accounts for internal service reimbursements, revenues and expenses associated with the replacement of County owned vehicles and equipment.

**Information Technology Fund (3503)** - Accounts for internal service reimbursements, revenues and expenses associated with the administration and operation of the County's data processing and telephone services operations. This fund includes replacement and upgrade of personal computers, standard software suite common to all County users and telephone equipment.

**Mail Distribution Fund (3504)** - Accounts for internal service reimbursements, revenues and expenses associated with the administration and operation of the County's U.S. Mail, internal distribution and delivery, and records management.

**Facilities Management Fund (3505)** - Accounts for internal service reimbursements, revenues and expenses associated with the administration and operation of the County's property management, custodial, maintenance and leasing of all County-owned and leased property.

## **FIDUCIARY (CUSTODIAL) FUNDS**

These custodial funds account for resources received and held by the County in a purely custodial capacity. Disbursements are made in accordance with the agreement or applicable legislative enactment for each particular fund. The accrual basis of accounting is used to record transactions in the custodial funds. The custodial funds are as follows:

**Client Custodian Funds (4000, 4002)** - Accounts for receipts and disbursements for individuals who are not capable of handling their own financial affairs.

**Property Tax Funds (Series 4501 to 5500)** - Accounts for the collection and disbursement of various property tax accounts for governmental entities located in Multnomah County.

**Department of County Management Custodial Funds (6003, 6004, 6041)** – Accounts for the collection and disbursement of various monies held by Multnomah County in a fiduciary capacity.

**Multnomah County Sheriff Custodial Funds (6007, 6008, 6039)** - Accounts for receipts and disbursements for individual who are incarcerated.

**Visitors Facilities Trust Fund (6023)** - Accounts for the collection and disbursement of motor vehicle rental tax and transient lodging tax used for regional visitor facilities.

**MCSO Criminal Forfeitures Fund (7002)** - Accounts for cash transactions subject to forfeiture under 1989 Oregon Law, Chapter 791.

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