

Department: Community Services

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Program Offer Type: Existing Operating Program

Program Offer Stage: As Requested

Related Programs:
Program Characteristics: In Target

Executive Summary

The County Surveyor's Office provides maintenance and restoration of public land survey corners, reviews and files surveys and land division plats, provides survey records to the public, and provides survey support to other County programs and local agencies.

Program Summary

The County Surveyor's Office provides several services, some of which are mandated by state law.

Mandated functions (required by state statute) include:

- Maintenance and restoration of public land survey corner monuments under the Public Land Survey System. The maintenance and restoration of these corners are critical in ensuring the integrity of property boundaries within the County because all property descriptions within the State are either directly or indirectly tied to public land survey corners.
- Review, filing and indexing of survey records. All surveys that set permanent monuments (property corners, etc.) within Multnomah County are required to be filed with our office. State statutes require that we review these surveys and file and index them in the County Survey Records.
- Review and approval of land division plats (subdivisions, partitions, and condominiums). Comprehensive reviews of all land division plats within the entire County are performed by our office to ensure accuracy and compliance with state statutes and local ordinances.
- Provide access to the public survey records. We maintain a robust online records retrieval system that is widely used by the public and is essential for providing information required by land surveyors, developers, the title industry, planning jurisdictions and others.

Other functions include:

- Provide surveying support for capital improvement projects on county roads and bridges. Current projects include the NE 238th/242nd Drive Improvement Project.
- Provide surveying support for County departments and local agencies. The program provides ongoing support to Road and Bridge Engineering and Road Maintenance for various projects (other than CIP).
- Provide surveying expertise to the public, County, and local agencies.

Performance Measures

Measure Type	Primary Measure	FY20 Actual	FY21 Budgeted	FY21 Estimate	FY22 Offer
Output	Number of public land corner visits performed	81	100	100	100
Outcome	Percent of plats reviewed within 21 days	98.5%	95%	95%	95%
Output	Number of plats reviewed for approval	195	170	150	150
Output	Number of images added to SAIL website	1295	1200	1000	1000

Performance Measures Descriptions

The Surveyor's Office performs regular maintenance on over 1,000 public land survey corners on a 7 to 10 year cycle, addressing other work on these corners as needed and approves all land division plats in the County. Our goal to review plats within 21 calendar days of submittal represents an ambitious timeline that allows projects to move forward quickly. The Surveyor's Office makes survey-related records available to the public on our SAIL website, adding new images weekly.

Legal / Contractual Obligation

The County Surveyor position is mandated by state statute. The duties of the County Surveyor are mandated by ORS Chapter 209, including those related to Public Land Corners. Plat review and approval are mandated by ORS 92.100 and ORS 100.115. Certain work regarding County roads is mandated by ORS 368.

Revenue/Expense Detail

	Adopted General Fund	Adopted Other Funds	Requested General Fund	Requested Other Funds
Program Expenses	2021	2021	2022	2022
Personnel	\$0	\$1,551,676	\$0	\$1,445,141
Contractual Services	\$0	\$82,347	\$0	\$90,843
Materials & Supplies	\$0	\$74,500	\$0	\$78,722
Internal Services	\$0	\$477,010	\$0	\$519,785
Unappropriated & Contingency	\$0	\$2,398,746	\$0	\$2,653,428
Total GF/non-GF	\$0	\$4,584,279	\$0	\$4,787,919
Program Total:	\$4,584,279		\$4,787,919	
Program FTE	0.00	11.00	0.00	10.00

Program Revenues				
Other / Miscellaneous	\$0	\$1,640,234	\$0	\$1,385,000
Interest	\$0	\$60,000	\$0	\$45,000
Beginning Working Capital	\$0	\$2,454,045	\$0	\$2,906,419
Service Charges	\$0	\$430,000	\$0	\$451,500
Total Revenue	\$0	\$4,584,279	\$0	\$4,787,919

Explanation of Revenues

This program generates \$200,585 in indirect revenues.

The County Surveyor's Office is self supporting. All revenues are from user fees or charges for services. Maintenance and restoration of Public Land Corners make up the largest part of our program. Other/Misc Revenue consists of a fixed filing fee of \$475 per map filed in the survey records, a fixed recording fee at \$10 per recording of a property related deed document, and Offset Project Overhead Revenue collected from working for Transportation Capital projects. Interest is an estimate of interest revenue earned on the BWC of \$2.9M at the beginning of FY22. BWC was at \$2.45M for FY21, plus another \$0.45M est for FY21, total \$2.9M. Service Charges reflect funds collected for the review of Condominium, Partition, and Subdivision plats, which are based on actual costs incurred.

Significant Program Changes

Last Year this program was: FY 2021: 90012 County Surveyor's Office

As our public counter was closed due to COVID-19 restrictions, we moved many of our office functions online and most staff are teleworking. Due to the COVID-19 pandemic, the program has seen significant reductions in revenues associated with records of survey and plat reviews, which required the reduction of 1.0 FTE. Our field staff were limited to performing only time-sensitive work early in the COVID-19 pandemic, which reduced the number of Public Land Corners visited.