

Division: Transportation

Program Characteristics:

Program Description

The County Surveyor's Office provides several services, some of which are mandated by state law. 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 the Surveyor's office. State statutes require that we review these surveys, 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 the County Surveyor's 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: providing surveying support for capital improvement projects as well as for Road Engineering and Maintenance. Also provide surveying expertise to the public, County and local agencies.

Equity Statement

The County Surveyor's Office maintains comprehensive and reliable land and property records. This commitment to accurate information supports equity, ensuring everyone has access to the same property data. The office also provides efficient and timely processing of land divisions including middle housing and other urban infill projects thereby contributing to solutions to housing inequities which disproportionately affect Multnomah County's most vulnerable constituents.

Revenue/Expense Detail

	2026 General Fund	2026 Other Funds	2027 General Fund	2027 Other Funds
Personnel	\$0	\$1,706,196	\$0	\$1,809,143
Contractual Services	\$0	\$29,999	\$0	\$10,000
Materials & Supplies	\$0	\$61,252	\$0	\$79,004
Internal Services	\$0	\$614,630	\$0	\$630,358
Capital Outlay	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$110,000
Unappropriated & Contingency	\$0	\$1,689,923	\$0	\$1,183,495
Total GF/non-GF	\$0	\$4,102,000	\$0	\$3,822,000
Total Expenses:	\$4,102,000		\$3,822,000	
Program FTE	0.00	10.00	0.00	10.02

Program Revenues

Other / Miscellaneous	\$0	\$1,020,000	\$0	\$1,070,000
Interest	\$0	\$59,000	\$0	\$65,000
Beginning Working Capital	\$0	\$2,488,000	\$0	\$2,062,000
Service Charges	\$0	\$535,000	\$0	\$625,000
Total Revenue	\$0	\$4,102,000	\$0	\$3,822,000

Performance Measures

Performance Measure	FY25 Actual	FY26 Estimate	FY27 Target
Number of public land corner visits performed	131	110	100
Number of plats reviewed for approval	224	210	200