

Program #91012 - County Surveyor's Office 4/21/2014

Department: Community Services **Program Contact:** Jim Clayton
Program Offer Type: Existing Operating Program **Program Offer Stage:** As Proposed
Related Programs: 91013, 91016, 91017, 91018
Program Characteristics:

Executive Summary

The County Surveyor's Office provides services which include: maintenance and restoration of public land survey corners, the review and filing of surveys and land division plats, survey records to the public and surveying 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)

- Maintenance and restoration of public land survey corner monuments under the Public Land Survey System: All property descriptions within the state are either directly or indirectly tied to public land survey corners. The maintenance and restoration of these corners are critical to ensure the integrity of property boundaries within the county.
- Review, filing and indexing of records of survey: All surveys which 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, 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.
- Providing access to the public survey records: We maintain a robust online records retrieval system that is widely used by the public, and essential for providing information required by land surveyors, developers, the title industry, planning jurisdictions, and others.

Other Functions

- Provide surveying support for capital projects on county roads and bridges. Current/recent projects include Sellwood Bridge Replacement Project, Morrison Bridgehead, NE Arata Road, Latourell Bridge, Troutdale Road, and Sandy Boulevard.
- Provide surveying support for County departments and local agencies. Currently working on projects for Road Engineering, Bridge Services and County Facilities.
- Provide surveying expertise to the public and to County and local agencies.

Performance Measures

Measure Type	Primary Measure	FY13 Actual	FY14 Purchased	FY14 Estimate	FY15 Offer
Output	Number of public land corner visits performed (this is a new performance measure)	0	0	175	175
Outcome	Percentage of plats reviewed within 21 days	100%	100%	100%	90%
Input	Number of plats reviewed for approval	75	85	110	100
Quality	Number of affidavits of correction filed for errors on plats	0	3	1	3

Performance Measures Descriptions

The County Surveyor's Office maintains approximately 2000 public land survey corners. We maintain them on a 7-10 year cycle (each maintenance is referred to as a "visit"). The County Surveyor approves all land division plats (subdivisions, partitions, and condominiums) within the county, including within all cities. Our goal is to complete the initial review of all plats within 21 calendar days of submittal. We also strive to be very accurate with our reviews. We measure this by the number of affidavits of correction that are filed to correct errors on plats that were missed during our review.

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

	Proposed General Fund	Proposed Other Funds	Proposed General Fund	Proposed Other Funds
Program Expenses	2014	2014	2015	2015
Personnel	\$0	\$1,088,624	\$0	\$1,097,346
Contractual Services	\$0	\$1,500	\$0	\$2,000
Materials & Supplies	\$0	\$37,900	\$0	\$44,100
Internal Services	\$0	\$256,352	\$0	\$266,185
Capital Outlay	\$0	\$45,000	\$0	\$0
Unappropriated & Contingency	\$0	\$1,255,124	\$0	\$1,962,507
Total GF/non-GF	\$0	\$2,684,500	\$0	\$3,372,138
Program Total:	\$2,684,500		\$3,372,138	
Program FTE	0.00	10.00	0.00	10.00

Program Revenues				
Indirect for Dept. Admin	\$25,930	\$0	\$26,431	\$0
Other / Miscellaneous	\$0	\$1,550,000	\$0	\$1,640,000
Interest	\$0	\$4,500	\$0	\$7,500
Beginning Working Capital	\$0	\$1,025,000	\$0	\$1,574,638
Service Charges	\$0	\$105,000	\$0	\$150,000
Total Revenue	\$25,930	\$2,684,500	\$26,431	\$3,372,138

Explanation of 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 makes up the largest part of our program. This is funded by a fee (currently \$10) charged whenever certain types of documents are recorded in the County Records. Another large portion of our revenue is derived from a filing fee (currently \$400) which is charged for all records of survey and plats that are submitted to our office for review and filing. Revenue estimates are as follows: Public Land Corner Preservation Fund – estimated 117,500 documents recorded at \$10 each - \$1,175,000 (part of "Other/Miscellaneous" above); Plats and Surveys submitted for filing/recording - estimated 562.5 at \$400 each = \$225,000 (part of "Other/Miscellaneous" above); Plat review and approval - actual cost incurred - estimated \$150,000 (shown as "Service Charges" above); Survey support for county road and bridge projects, and other county departments and local agencies – estimated \$240,000. (part of "Other/Miscellaneous" above)

Significant Program Changes

Last Year this program was: 91012 County Surveyor's Office